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Key Lebanese Minister Killed

Assassination fuels tension between government, Hezbollah

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Pierre Gemayel, scion of Lebanon's most prominent Christian family and a leading opponent of Syria, was gunned down Tuesday in a brazen daytime hit. The assassination threatened to intensify Lebanon's power struggle between the U.S.-allied government and the Syrian-backed Hezbollah.

Gemayel, 34, was leaving church when he fell into a well-coordinated attack: One vehicle cut off his car from the front, another rammed him from behind, then gunmen burst out and sprayed a dozen bullets into his passenger-side window.

The killing sent tensions spiraling at a time when Lebanon was already facing a worsening political crisis. The Shiite Muslim guerrilla group Hezbollah and its pro-Syrian allies have threatened massive protests aimed at bringing down Prime Minister Fuad Saniora's government unless it gives them greater power.

President Bush condemned the assassination and accused Syria and Iran of seeking to undermine Saniora's government. Bush stopped short of specifically blaming them for Gemayel's death, though the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, John R. Bolton, raised the possibility. Anti-Syrian politicians in Lebanon, however, directly pointed the finger at Damascus, and some Gemayel supporters demanded revenge against Syria's Lebanese allies. (AP)

Gemayel

Airline Targeted With National 'Nurse-In'

MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

BABIES ON BOARD: Kiersten Johnson, left, nurses her daughter while Gretchen Pike sits with hers at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport on Thursday. The women were among hundreds nationwide who took part in "nurse-ins" near Delta Airlines ticket counters to protest the removal of a mother from a Freedom Airlines flight last month after she refused to cover up while breast-feeding. Delta owns Freedom Airlines.

Weekend

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Altman died of complications from cancer.

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DISTRACTIONS | **Stopped in His Tracks** A Wardle, England, man has been ordered to remove a railway carriage from his lawn because the town ruled it was a hazard for motorists who slowed down to make sure they were not at a train crossing, the Daily Mail reported. Eddie Knorn, a railway engineer, argues it can only be a good thing if speeding motorists slow down on his road, but an inspector cautioned the city council that the train was too distracting. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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BLOOD

Sharing Is Not Always Caring

Up to 30 seventh-graders at a Redwood City, Calif., middle school are being tested for hepatitis and HIV after a substitute teacher allowed them to share needle-like lancets to prick themselves for blood, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. The teacher, who has since been fired, was giving a life-sciences lesson to five classes Thursday when he asked volunteers to have their blood drawn with the lancets. The teacher allowed the students to share the lancets. "Each student should have had their own one," superintendent Jan Christensen said Monday. "I'm shocked and stunned that anyone would have thought this was appropriate protocol." (AP)

WHOOPS

Not the Time You Want to Have a Typo

A man lost $451,100 after he accidentally pushed the wrong key to gamble at a Wolverhampton, England, horse track, the Sun reported. The Betfair system allows gamblers to place wagers directly against each other; the man tried to place a 999-1 bet on 15-8 favorite Peregrine Falcon. However, he mistakenly pushed the button to accept wagers of those odds. One gambler alone saw the mistake and took $406,000 from the man. "The client simply made a mistake," Betfair spokesman Tony Calvin said. (EXPRESS)

BULLIT MARQUEZ/AP

CARGO

Snakes Not On a Plane

Ah, the reference that never dies. But it does describe what Ninoy Aquino International Airport authorities in Manila found in two suitcases Tuesday after seizing them from a passenger about to board a flight to Bangkok. Officials discovered 134 reptiles in sacks and plastic bottles. (EXPRESS)

The recess crowd is waiting for the hand-held version of kickball to go on sale.

THE SCHOOLYARD

'Tag? ... Is That Available on PSP?'

An elementary school says electronic games are not appropriate for schoolyards and has banned the devices. The school board decided last week to ban the games at Florence Rideout Elementary School; the board says the rule will be put into the student handbook while a policy is developed. "They should be encouraged to go out and play, not huddle around a game thing," said Lisa Lewis, a parent. (AP)

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In Brief

GREG CAMPBELL/AP

Realtor Jean Phillips visits the house her church donated to Katrina victims.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Couple Unrepentant About Selling Katrina Donation

A church that wanted to do something special for Hurricane Katrina victims gave a $75,000 house, free and clear, to a couple who said they were left homeless by the storm. But the couple and sold the place without ever moving in, and went back to New Orleans. "Take it up with God," an unrepentant Joshua Thompson told a TV reporter after it was learned that he and the woman he identified as his wife had flipped the home for $88,000. (AP)

NEW YORK

Conservatives plan Boycott Over Wal-Mart Gay Outreach

Long under fire from the left, Wal-Mart is now a target of Christian conservatives urging shoppers to boycott the retailer's post-Thanksgiving sales because of its low-key outreach to some gay-rights groups. One group, the American Family Association, is asking supporters to stay away from Wal-Mart on Friday and Saturday — two of the busiest shopping days of the year. (AP)

Wars Dog Bush During Visit to Asia

President: Vietnam War taught U.S. 'we'll succeed unless we quit'

HONOLULU | President Bush circled the globe on his Asian journey but never strayed far from the subject of Iraq. He dined with U.S. troops in Hawaii before heading home Tuesday, telling them their efforts "will determine how your children and grandchildren live."

Bush, who was due back at the White House late Tuesday night, visited Singapore, Vietnam and Indonesia during an eight-day trip aimed at assuring Asia of America's commitment to the region. He even found time to meet briefly with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

Still, Iraq and the war on terror kept the president's attention. In Vietnam, asked about lessons from that war, Bush answered that in Iraq, "we'll succeed unless we quit."

Bush's Asia trip was shadowed by talk of wars past and present.

His visit to Vietnam inspired a fresh debate about whether today's increasingly difficult war in Iraq has dangerous parallels to the failed American war in Southeast Asia three decades ago. The president ended his Asian tour in Hawaii, where the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor launched the United States' entry into World War II.

The Iraq situation was complicated Monday when Iranian leaders invited the presidents of Iraq and Syria to a weekend summit in Tehran to discuss the war. The move, viewed as an attempt by Iran to counter U.S. influence in the region, was received with skepticism at the State Department in Washington.

JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

President Bush speaks after a breakfast with troops at Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Tuesday. Bush was returning from an eight-day trip to Asia.

Tension Over Lebanon

➜ Bush blasted Syria and Iran after the assassination of Lebanese leader Pierre Gemayel, reflecting tensions between Washington and its rivals. | Today, A Section

IN The Washington Post

Witness Testifies in Polygamy Trial

ST. GEORGE, UTAH | A 14-year-old girl cried and was clearly troubled in the weeks preceding an arranged marriage to an older cousin, her sister testified Tuesday at a hearing involving the leader of a polygamist sect.

"She was 14," said Rebecca Musser, whose sister has a different last name. "It was just shocking and horrific. ... She didn't want to get married."

Warren Jeffs, leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is charged with rape as an accomplice for his alleged role in forcing the girl to marry her 19-year-old first cousin in 2001. Musser was the first witness at a hearing to determine if there is enough evidence to send Jeffs to trial.

Security at the Washington County courthouse was extraordinary, with police sharpshooters posted on the red rock hills that ring the building. No vehicles were allowed to park on the street.

Jeffs, 50, sat nearly motionless for the first few hours. He smiled at family and fellow church members in the audience.

Musser is a former member of Jeffs' church who was married to his late father. She recalled Jeffs telling her to counsel her teenage sister after the wedding at a Nevada motel.

"You need to encourage her to be happy. God has put this marriage together. You need to encourage her to be submissive and obedient," Jeffs said, according to Musser. (AP)

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Sect leader Warren Jeffs, left, is charged with rape as an accomplice.

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Baby Boom Among Unweds

Government: A record 4 in 10 babies born out of wedlock in '05

ATLANTA | Out-of-wedlock births in the United States have climbed to an all-time high, accounting for nearly four in 10 babies born last year, government health officials said Tuesday.

While out-of-wedlock births have long been associated with teen mothers, the teen birth rate actually dropped last year to the lowest level on record. Instead, births among unwed mothers rose most dramatically among women in their 20s.

Experts said the overall rise reflects the burgeoning number of people who are putting off marriage or are living together without getting married. They said it also reflects the fact that having a child out of wedlock is more acceptable nowadays and not necessarily the source of shame it once was.

The increase in births to unwed mothers was seen in all racial groups, but rose most sharply among Hispanics. It was up among all age groups except youngsters ages 10 to 17.

"A lot of people think of teenagers and unmarried mothers synonymously, but they are not driving this," said Stephanie Ventura of the National Center for Health Statistics, a co-author of the report.

The government also reported that the rate of births by Caesarean delivery continued to climb in 2005 to a record high, despite efforts by public health authorities to bring down the number.

Many experts believe a large number of C-sections are medically unnecessary and done only for the convenience of the mother or her doctor.

The government report includes information from 99 percent of U.S. birth certificates filed last year. The information for 2005 is considered preliminary but is not expected to change much. MIKE STOBBE (AP)

GLENN BAESKE/AP

A tow truck hauls away the wreckage of the school bus in Huntsville, Ala., on Tuesday. Four teenagers have died after the fatal crash, which injured at least 30 others.

4th Student Dies After Ala. School Bus Crash

Driver among 15 who remain hospitalized after deadly accident

HUNSTVILLE, ALA. | A fourth high school student has died from injuries she sustained when a school bus nose-dived off an interstate overpass, the police chief said Tuesday.

The bus driver, who was found critically injured on the overpass, was among 15 who remained hospitalized, authorities said. Four were listed as critical.

Police identified the fourth victim of Monday's school bus wreck as Crystal Renee McCrary, 17. Like the other victims, she was a student at Lee High School who was on the bus when a car came up in a side lane and the bus veered over the guardrail and fell about 30 feet.

Investigators were trying to determine how the driver ended up on the overpass, escaping the devastating impact that crumpled the front of the bus.

Two teenage girls died in the wreckage; a third died later at a hospital. More than 30 students were injured. Five people, including the bus driver, had undergone surgery, officials said. DESIREE HUNTER (AP)

Report: Hunger Cases on Rise In New York City

NEW YORK | The number of city residents relying on food from charities and unable to feed their families is rising, according to a report issued by an advocacy group.

Nearly one in six city residents lived in households that could not afford to buy enough food during the three-year period ending in 2005, according to the New York City Coalition Against Hunger report released Tuesday.

These households made up 15.4 percent of city residents — up from 14 percent between 2000 and 2003, according to the report, which was based in part on figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According to the coalition's survey, the number of people served by charities rose an estimated 11 percent in 2006. (AP)

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Nancy Grace, right, interviews Trenton Duckett's father, Josh, far left, last week.

Family Sues CNN, Grace Over Death

Relatives of deceased mother say grilling by host led to suicide

ORLANDO, FLA. | Relatives of a mother who committed suicide after CNN's Nancy Grace aggressively questioned her about the disappearance of her son sued the network and the talk-show host Tuesday, accusing Grace of pushing the woman over the edge.

Melinda Duckett shot herself to death on Sept. 8, one day after taping a segment on Grace's CNN Headline News show in which Grace interrogated Duckett about her whereabouts on the August day that 2-year-old Trenton Duckett was reported missing. The network aired the segment after Melinda Duckett's death.

Investigators have since named Melinda Duckett as the prime suspect in her son's disappearance.

Jay Paul Deratany, the attorney for Duckett's estate, said Grace encouraged Duckett to appear on her show by saying the goal was to draw public attention to help find the boy.

"It's not just about the questioning. It's about the misrepresentation with the knowledge that she was emotionally distraught," Deratany said. The attorney said Grace improperly took on the role of a law enforcement officer.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

CNN Headline News said in a statement: "We stand by Nancy Grace and fully support her, as we have from the beginning of this matter." STEPHEN MAJORS (AP)

BRIT BLOG: Britain's Prince Charles has taken a leap into the Internet age, posting a day-in-the-life video on his revamped personal Web site. The site also allows royal-watchers to sign up for e-mail updates on topics ranging from Charles' sons to his line of organic food products.

World

Another Grim Turn for Lebanon

Analysis: Politician's death puts new focus on roles of Syria, Iran

CAIRO, EGYPT | It's another body blow for Lebanon — and for the whole Mideast, already reeling from the Iraq war.

The assassination of a prominent anti-Syrian politician puts sharp focus on the role Syria and Iran are believed to play in Lebanon's growing troubles. The slaying thus seems likely to dim any chance the U.S. would consider an overture to either country to help calm Iraq or seek a broader Mideast peace.

President Bush made clear his views Tuesday, accusing Iran and Syria of trying to destabilize Lebanon, although he stopped short of blaming them for the killing of Lebanese Christian leader Pierre Gemayel.

If the West does finger Syria in the slaying, the Bush administration would be highly unlikely to approach Syria for help on other issues.

Syria is sure to deny it is involved. Both it and Iran quickly condemned the slaying, but the U.S. was skeptical: Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns noted that the Lebanese group that Syria and Iran support, the radical Hezbollah, has been in a political standoff with the U.S. backed-government Gemayel belonged to.

Hezbollah has, in fact, been threatening to bring Lebanon's government down, he noted.

The leader of Lebanon's anti-Syrian parliament majority was even more pointed: "We believe the hand of Syria is all over the place," Saad Hariri said in a CNN interview, after breaking down over his colleague's death.

That puts the assassination squarely at the center of the most dangerous currents sweeping the Mideast today — the rivalry between countries and groups allied with the U.S. such as Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon and those allied with Iran such as Syria and Hezbollah.

Most urgently for the U.S., the rivalry is worsening the Iraq war. Both Syria and Iran are believed to play destabilizing roles in Iraq.

Tuesday's assassination could, some fear, bring down the Lebanese government — either indirectly by causing instability or, more directly, by lowering the anti-Syrian coalition's majority in the Cabinet.

Because the pro-Syrian president is unlikely to approve a replacement for Gemayel, the loss of his vote would give Hezbollah more power to push for the government to be dissolved. SALLY BUZBEE (AP)

BEN CURTIS/AP

OUTRAGE: Supporters of anti-Syrian politician Pierre Gemayel express their anger at St. Joseph's Hospital in Beirut Thursday.

Breaking point: The death of Pierre Gemayel, a divisive figure in a country riven by sectarian tension, underlines the struggle over Lebanon's future. | **Today's Post, A1**

In Brief

NEW DELHI

India, China Agree to Double Trade, Boost Regional Ties

The leaders of China and India agreed Tuesday to double trade between their two countries to $40 billion by 2010 and to boost ties that have been marked by suspicions dating to a 1962 border war and rivalry over their regional roles. Speaking after a summit in New Delhi, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Chinese President Hu Jintao said the two Asian giants should work together on regional and international issues. (AP)

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Supporters of runner-up Jean-Pierre Bemba confront riot police in Kinshasa.

KINSHASA, CONGO

Violence Erupts as Court Weighs Election Challenge

Gunfire and street brawls broke out Tuesday and a blaze swept through the supreme court building as authorities considered an ex-rebel leader's legal challenge to his loss in Congo's landmark presidential elections. The latest election-related civil unrest came when 200 supporters of runner-up Jean-Pierre Bemba massed outside the court while it considered his legal challenge to incumbent President Joseph Kabila's victory. (AP)

TRIPOLI, LIBYA

Arab, African Leaders Meet To Discuss Crisis in Darfur

Arab and African leaders in Libya on Tuesday agreed to work together to end the crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan, as the U.S. and U.N. pressed the African nation to spell out the conditions for its acceptance of an international peacekeeping force for the area. The presidents of Egypt, Sudan, Chad and Eritrea held talks in Tripoli hosted by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. (AP)

8 Coal Miners Killed in Poland

WARSAW, POLAND | Eight coal miners were killed and fears were growing for 15 others trapped 3,300 feet underground Tuesday by a suspected gas explosion in southern Poland, officials said.

The accident happened as the men were demolishing a wall in the Halemba coal mine in the city of Ruda Slaska, the company that operates the mine said.

Zbigniew Madej, a spokesman for Southern Mining Co., said rescue workers were hoping to find survivors but said ventilation systems had been damaged. (AP)

Radioactive Poison Eyed in Spy Case

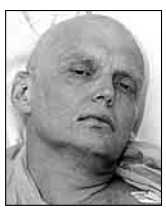
Ex-Russian agent remains under armed guard in U.K. hospital

LONDON | Doctors examining a former Russian spy said Tuesday that radioactive substances might have been used in the poisoning of Col. Alexander Litvinenko, who lies critically ill in an intensive care ward.

Doctors had earlier identified thallium — a colorless, odorless heavy metal lethal in doses of as little as one gram — as the likely cause of Litvinenko's illness.

Dr. John Henry, an eminent toxicologist who has visited Litvinenko several times in the hospital, said a radioactive substance may have been involved.

University College Hospital, which is treating Litvinenko, said a poison other than thallium may have caused his illness, and also suggested that a radioactive substance might be responsible.



Litvinenko

Litvinenko remained under armed guard Tuesday, the victim of what his friends and fellow dissidents allege was an assassination attempt by the Russian government and the KGB's successor organization the FSB.

On the day he claims to have been poisoned, he met with two Russians before dining at a sushi restaurant with an Italian security expert. The Italian, Mario Scaramella, said Tuesday he had met Litvinenko to show him e-mails from a confidential source identifying the killers of Anna Politkovskaya, an investigative journalist and Kremlin critic who was gunned down Oct. 7 at her Moscow apartment building. TARIQ PANJA (AP)

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World

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Nepalese Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala, left, talks to Maoist rebel leader Prachanda during the signing of the peace agreement in Katmandu on Tuesday.

Nepalese Rebels Ink Peace Accord

Government, Maoists sign pact formally ending 10-year conflict

KATMANDU, NEPAL | Nepal's government and communist rebels have signed a peace deal, formally ending a 10-year insurgency that left 13,000 people dead, and paving the way for the one-time guerrillas to join an interim government.

Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala and Maoist rebel leader Prachanda, who goes by a single name, signed the accord at a Katmandu convention hall packed with cheering officials, dignitaries and foreign diplomats.

The agreement came after months of negotiations that centered on how to disarm the insurgents and bring them into the government, which they helped bring to power by backing mass protests in April against the royal dictatorship of King Gyanendra.

During the war, the Maoists took control of wide swaths of this Himalayan country best known as a magnet for Western hippies in search of Eastern spirituality and mountain climbers looking to scale peaks — including the world's highest, Mount Everest.

The rebels built schools, set about breaking down Hindu caste barriers and aided poor farmers, many of whom still live in near-feudal conditions.

But the Maoists were also known for their rigid communist orthodoxy and a puritanical streak, and for murderously enforcing their will on opponents.

More than 13,000 people were killed before a cease-fire was declared in April following the weeks of mass pro-democracy protests that forced Gyanendra to restore Parliament, which he had usurped 14 months earlier. (AP)

Cuban VP Predicts Castro Recovery

HAVANA | Cuban Vice President Carlos Lage said he remains optimistic about the recovery of ailing leader Fidel Castro, and another senior Cuban official also said Castro was getting better after intestinal surgery four months ago.

"He continues to recover; his health continues to improve," Lage said Tuesday in a news broadcast on Cuban state television.

The exact nature of Castro's ailment remains a state secret.

In Panama, Cuban Parliament Leader Ricardo Alarcon was also optimistic, telling reporters that the Cuban leader "is fulfilling his obligation to get better." (AP)

FISH FIGHT: The crew of a Portuguese fishing boat called Always Brave had their courage tested Tuesday when they netted a 23-foot basking shark weighing 2.8 tons. The four men were fishing at night in deep waters off the Portuguese coast when their nets snared the large creature.

Joint Raid Targets Iraqi Militiamen

U.S., Iraqi operation in Sadr City nets 7 fighters but stirs anger

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | U.S. and Iraqi forces backed by helicopters swept into Baghdad's Sadr City Shiite slum in a dark-of-night raid that netted seven militiamen, including one believed to know the whereabouts of an American soldier kidnapped nearly a month ago.

Angry Shiites denounced Tuesday's raid and a lawmaker from the district stood outside the Imam Ali hospital, holding the body of a boy killed in the attack and vowing he would not return to parliament until all American forces were out of Iraq.

Police said three Iraqis, including the boy, were killed and 15 wounded. No soldiers were hurt, the military said.

The raid came just weeks after Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, had taken on the role of protector of the sprawling Sadr City district by ordering the U.S. military to lift a blockade of the slum.

American forces had sealed the district for several days looking for kidnapped U.S. soldier Ahmed Qusai al-Taayie, a 41-year-old reservist. He was visiting his Iraqi wife in Baghdad on Oct. 23 when he was handcuffed and abducted by suspected rogue gunmen from the Mahdi Army, a militia loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

The 3 a.m. assault in the east Baghdad grid of streets was the third in four days by U.S. and Iraqi forces.

Al-Sadr is a major political backer of al-Maliki, who had rejected American demands to disband the heavily armed militias and their death squads that have carried out a brutal campaign of revenge attacks on Iraq's Sunni minority in a cycle of violence following the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite shrine.

Al-Maliki, however, looked the other way during most recent joint U.S.-Iraqi raids, an about-face his aides said was prompted by anger over the U.S. soldier's abduction and a mass kidnapping carried out this month by suspected Mahdi Army gunmen.

Violence in Iraq declined slightly Tuesday, with police, morgue and hospital officials reporting 33 people killed in sectarian violence. At least 44 tortured bodies were found dumped across central Iraq. (AP)

KARIM KADIM/AP

OUTPOURING OF GRIEF: Iraqi men take part in a funeral procession in the Shiite district of Sadr City in Baghdad on Tuesday.

Challenge To Israeli Land Use

Report: Nearly 40% of West Bank land used by settlers illegal

JERUSALEM | An Israeli group opposed to Jewish settlements in the West Bank said Tuesday that nearly 40 percent of the land on which they stand was seized from private Palestinian owners — much of it since the practice was outlawed in 1979.

The group Peace Now, whose report challenged the government's claims that it stopped the land seizures decades ago, said its charges were based on information leaked from the Civil Administration, the Israeli military department responsible for administering civil affairs in the West Bank, which Israel seized in the 1967 Middle East war.

Peace Now said the Civil Administration database showed that 38.8 percent of the area currently occupied by Israeli settlements, unauthorized outposts and other zones in the West Bank was privately owned Palestinian land expropriated by Israeli authorities since 1967. (AP)

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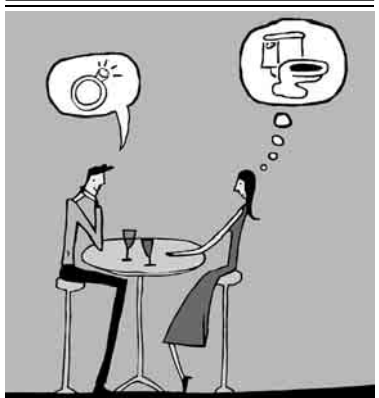

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Money

Google's Stock Tops $500

Internet search giant now holds market value of about $156B

SAN FRANCISCO | Google Inc.'s stock price surpassed $500 for the first time Tuesday, marking another milestone in a rapid rise that has catapulted the Internet search leader into the corporate elite.

Continuing a recent surge driven by Wall Street's high expectations for the company, Google's shares rose $14.60, or nearly 3 percent, to close at $509.65 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

That left Google with a market value of about $156 billion just eight years after former Stanford University graduate students Larry Page and Sergey Brin started the business in a Silicon Valley garage.

PAUL SAKUMA/FILE/AP

California-based Google priced its initial public offering at $85 in August 2004.

The Mountain View-based company now ranks as Silicon Valley's second most valuable business, eclipsing the likes of Intel Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. With a market value of about $163 billion, networking equipment maker Cisco Systems Inc. is the only Silicon Valley firm worth more.

Google's remarkable success has minted Page and Brin, both 33, as multibillionaires along with their handpicked chief executive, Eric Schmidt.

It took slightly more than a year for Google's shares to travel from $400 to $500 — the stock's longest journey from one major milestone to the next since the company priced its initial public offering at $85 in August 2004.

The latest spurt of optimism appeared to reflect a belief that Google will quickly introduce ways to mine more online advertising revenue from its just-completed $1.65 billion acquisition of YouTube Inc. Google used its stock to finance the deal. MICHAEL LIEDTKE (AP)

Magnet Injuries Spark Toy Recall

WASHINGTON | A consumer research group called Tuesday for warning labels on toys with magnets after more than 4 million Mattel play sets were recalled over injuries to several children who swallowed magnets that fell off.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, which announced the recall of magnetic Polly Pocket sets as the holiday gift-buying season begins, urged shoppers to avoid buying toy sets with small magnets for children under 6.

The commission received 170 reports of the small magnets falling from Polly Pocket dolls and accessories. Three children swallowed more than one magnet and suffered intestinal perforation that required surgery. If more than one magnet is swallowed, they can attach to each other and cause intestinal perforation, infection or blockage.

The Polly Pocket recall does not include sets currently on store shelves. Mattel redesigned those sets to make them safer, said CPSC spokesman Scott Wolfson.

The recall applies to sets that were manufactured before April 1, 2005, and sold at department stores and toy stores in the U.S. from May 2003 through September 2006. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
JoAnnStrs	20.44	+2.86	+16.3
BrwnShoe s	45.77	+6.22	+15.7
NYSE Gp n	104.60	+9.28	+9.7
Medtrnic	53.55	+4.60	+9.4
StillwtrM	13.25	+.97	+7.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Dycom	20.80	-2.94	-12.4
AdvMOpt	35.75	-3.50	-8.9
Salton h	2.52	-.22	-8.0
MaidenBrd	19.30	-1.65	-7.9
BallyTotF	2.45	-.12	-4.7

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
WorldSpace	4.83	+.91	+23.2
MothrWk	57.26	+10.21	+21.7
AnadysPh	5.05	+.83	+19.7
CDC Cp A	8.77	+1.32	+17.7
Iomai n	4.72	+.04	+0.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
FreeSeas n	3.22	-.58	-15.3
Herzf dC	11.95	-1.53	-11.4
NeoMagic	4.08	-.50	-10.9
Oscient rs	6.52	-.76	-10.4
Famlym hrs	2.24	-.25	-10.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.94	4.97
2-year	4.76	4.74
10-year	4.58	4.57
30-year	4.66	4.66

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5263	.5272	.5821
Canadian Dollar	1.1461	1.1476	1.1821
European Euro	.7786	.7805	.8532
Japanese Yen	117.87	118.09	118.92
Mexican Peso	10.9636	10.9782	10.6490
Taiwanese Dollar	32.85	32.94	33.61

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+5.05	+2.12	+2.31
+0.04	+0.09	+0.16
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B n	29.63	-.15	+16.2
ClearChan	35.32	+.06	+12.3
Comcast	40.68	-.11	+56.9
Comc sp	40.39	-.11	+57.2
DirecTV	22.40	+.28	+58.6
Disney	33.23	+.11	+38.6
EchoStar	36.54	+.49	+34.4
McGrwH	66.00	+.78	+27.8
NewsCpA	20.96	-.14	+34.8
NewsCpB	21.75	-.11	+30.9
Omnicom	102.09	+.59	+19.9
Thomson	41.19	+.07	+19.0
TimeWarn	20.68	+.10	+18.6
ViacomB n	38.91	-.14	-5.4
WPP Gp	64.41	-.33	+19.3

TERRAPIN SUBSTATION: A power outage blacked out the University of Maryland and much of surrounding College Park, Md., on Tuesday. County fire department spokesman Mark Brady said the outage occurred when a tree fell on a substation.

Local

Police Agree to Changes

Lawsuit about protest at Bush inauguration settled with new policy

WASHINGTON | Civil rights lawyers representing protesters at President Bush's 2001 inauguration announced a settlement Tuesday with police that includes changes in department policies for handling demonstrations.

The settlement stems from a lawsuit filed by the Partnership for Civil Justice, which alleged that police unlawfully prevented people from approaching the parade route and used plainclothes officers to assault demonstrators.

The police department has agreed to make sure requirements that officers report the use of force remain in place during public protests, PCJ said. Such requirements had been suspended during demonstrations, the group said.

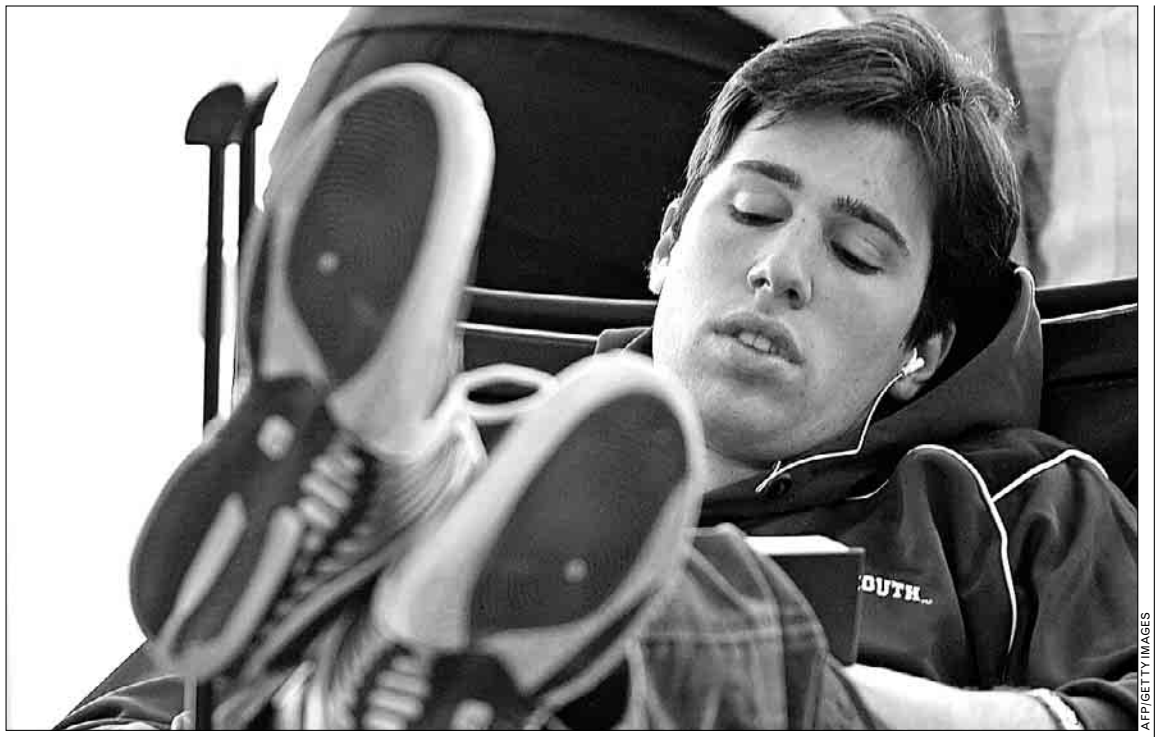
Officer training will be changed to reflect that requirement, and training will also include restrictions on the use of police lines against protesters and instruction that no one can be arrested for parading without a permit. (AP)

Police payout: Department to pay $685,000, the latest in a series of protest settlements. **Today's Post, Metro**

Franchot Names Transition Team

SILVER SPRING, MD. | Peter Franchot, the incoming comptroller, named his 47-member transition team on Tuesday, a group that will be led by former Gov. Harry Hughes and Montgomery County Executive Douglas Duncan.

Franchot announced that the panel includes public officials and representatives from the business, labor and environmental communities. (AP)



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An airline traveler relaxes between flights as he waits Tuesday at Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington. The big crowds will hit U.S. airports Wednesday, the day before the Thanksgiving holiday, usually the busiest travel day of the year.

Region's Travel Outlook Not So Good

AAA Mid-Atlantic: 600,000 people in the area will be on the go

WASHINGTON | Holiday travelers will have plenty of company on the roads this Thanksgiving.

AAA Mid-Atlantic estimates about 600,000 people in the region will drive at least 50 miles over the holiday weekend.

A spokesman for the auto club anticipates that Wednesday's traffic will be "horrendous" due to a mix of travelers and commuters going to and from work.

John Townsend said long-distance drivers should consider alternatives to the busy interstates. He also suggested taking advantage of transportation Web sites that offer real-time traffic conditions.

To ease delays, starting Wednesday, D.C., Maryland and Virginia are suspending road work that could close lanes and slow traffic.

Virginia is halting work through Friday, and work in Maryland won't begin again until Monday. (AP)

Ex-Judge Kills Self In Standoff

Police respond after man fires shots; wife escapes unharmed

BOWIE, MD. | A retired county judge died in an apparent suicide after barricading himself in his home.

Police found G.R. Hovey Johnson, 76, dead of a gunshot wound following an hours-long standoff Monday. They said the judge, who retired in 2000, may have suffered from dementia.

The standoff began about 11 a.m., when police responded to an incident at the judge's home, police Maj. Michael Blow said. Blow said the judge fired one shot and his wife, Joan, escaped unharmed. But Johnson refused to leave the house.

Johnson "appeared agitated and indicated that he may want to hurt himself," police spokeswoman Cpl. Diane Richardson said.

Police set up a command post at a church and blocked off roads in the neighborhood. A negotiating team tried to talk to Johnson.

Officers at first made contact with Johnson and then could not reach him for hours. (AP)

County Seeks Gun Ban After Shooting

FAIRFAX, VA. | The shooting deaths of officers outside a police station has prompted the county to seek a ban on the carrying of guns into law enforcement buildings by anyone other than authorized personnel.

While Virginia bans weapons in courthouses, there is no ban on weapons in police stations or jails.

At the request of county police chief David M. Rohrer, the Board of Supervisors has included the proposed ban in a draft of its legislative program for the 2007 Virginia General Assembly. Similar efforts have failed in the past, but the issue has gained new urgency since the May 8 shootings at the Sully District station in Chantilly.

Michael W. Kennedy, a mentally ill 18-year-old, drove to the rear parking lot of the station and fired more than 70 shots with an assault rifle and other weapons. Detective Vicky O. Armel, 40, was killed, along with Kennedy. Officer Michael E. Garbarino, 53, died of his wounds nine days later.

The proposed measure already has stirred opposition.

Virginia Citizens Defense League president Philip Van Cleave, said such a ban would not have prevented Kennedy's assault, which occurred outside the building. (AP)

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Evening DC 4	0-6-6-5
Rolling Cash Five	8-17-4-23-21
Daily 6	32-33-16-26-29-4 (28)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	2-4-3
Evening Pick 3	5-4-9
Mid-day Pick 4	9-3-6-7
Evening Pick 4	9-1-5-2
Match 5	1-7-11-18-22 (6)

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	2-0-0
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	1-1-6
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	3-2-5-4
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	0-4-2-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	6-8-22-30-32
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	8-12-14-22-31

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Sports

BIG BENJAMINS: The cost of the 2012 London Games has risen by more than a third because of security concerns and other increases in the cost of materials, Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell said Tuesday. A final price for the games is still unknown, but some say it could surpass $15 million.

TV Lineup

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QB Sam Hollenbach, left, will look to lead the Terps past Wake Forest this week.

➜ **ACC UP FOR GRABS:** Maryland fans hope Saturday's game against Wake Forest (7:45 p.m. on ESPN) will decide who plays in the ACC Championship game. But first they have to watch Boston College play at Miami on Thanksgiving (8 p.m. on ESPN). Also, don't forget about the game with a national title on the line: USC hosts Notre Dame (8 p.m. on ABC).

➜ **MADDEN'S FAVORITE:** Before watching the Redskins host the Panthers on Sunday (1 p.m. on FOX), football fans get to watch John Madden drool over the Turducken on Thursday. There are the traditional games — Detroit hosts the Dolphins (12:30 p.m. on CBS) and the Cowboys host the Buccaneers (4:15 p.m. on FOX) — before the NFL Network shows the Broncos traveling to Kansas City (7 p.m. on NFL Network).

Madden

➜ **ROAD WIZARDS:** The Wizards have two more games on the road — on Wednesday against the Rockets (8:30 p.m. on News Channel 8) and on Friday against the Grizzlies (8:30 p.m. on News Channel 8) — before coming home to host the Pistons on Saturday (7 p.m. on Comcast).

➜ **GRACIOUS HOSTS:** And the Caps host the Thrashers on Wednesday (7 p.m. on Comcast) and the Maple Leafs on Friday (7 p.m. on Comcast) before they hit the road for a game against the New York Islanders (7 p.m. on CW).

Plenty on the Redskins' Wish List

As the holiday season approaches, this team has a lot to ask for

REDSKINS | The gravy is lumpy, the stuffing is cold and someone just sneezed on the pumpkin pie.

Welcome to the 2006 edition of "Why the Redskins are Thankful."

Hmm, where to start? ...

Well, they can't tie the 1976 Bucs as the worst team ever. That's good, right?

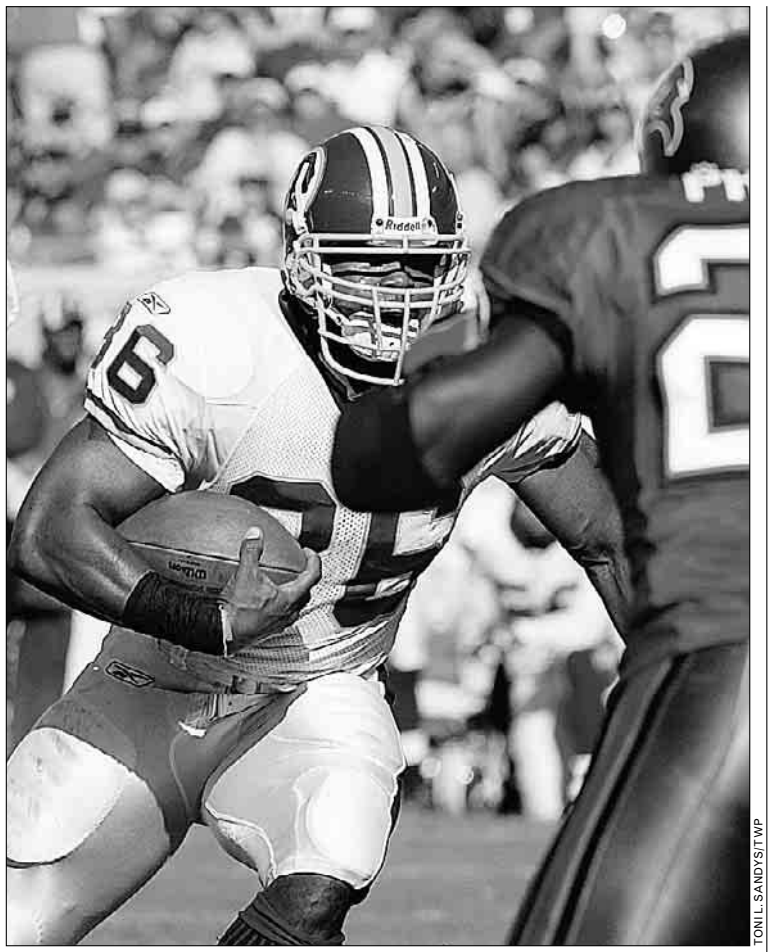
Of course, they probably won't play poorly enough to get the top pick in next year's draft, either. Then again, they won't need top pick candidates Brady Quinn or Troy Smith if quarterback Jason Campbell builds on Sunday's performance.

Um ... no one's caught bird flu. Does that count?

OK, scrap all that.

With six weeks to go in the season, no one in Washington is happy with the 3-7 Redskins' position.

So instead of focusing on the past, let's try to get into the positive spirit with "The 2006 Redskins Christmas Wish List."



TONI L. SANDYS/TWP

Redskins backup RB T.J. Duckett finally got a bit of a chance to show what he's capable of last week against the Buccaneers, but Joe Gibbs wants to see more.

1. A start for T.J. Duckett. "I wanted to see him more in the game," head coach Joe Gibbs said. Duckett got a lot of positive lip service when signed as an insurance policy after Clinton Portis partially dislocated his left shoulder in the preseason.

Duckett can pound through the line like the Gibbs backs of old. He's not John Riggins, but it will be interesting to see which sensibility wins out the rest of the way: Al Saunders' multi-back approach or Gibbs' grind-and-chuck formula that won him three Super Bowls.

2. A good accountant for backup safety Adam Archuleta. He needs to find some big loopholes for all that pile of money he's lounging next to on the bench.

Head coach Joe Gibbs defended Archuleta on Monday, saying how important the $30-million safety is as "the personal protector on punts." So that's why they signed him to the richest contract for a safety in NFL history.

3. Some playing time for linebacker Rocky McIntosh. Washington turned over the quarterbacking reins to Campbell, but the Redskins' second-round pick in last year's draft rarely sees the field.

With the Redskins now virtually out of playoff contention, Sunday seems like an opportune time to give McIntosh some valuable experience when NFC South co-leader Carolina (6-4) comes to town.

While the Redskins may look down, Carolina's offense could be the perfect anecdote for the burgundy-and-gold's season-long defensive slump.

Sure, the Panthers have superstar receiver Steve Smith (870 yards and four touchdowns). But Carolina is the worst team in the NFC at converting on third down (28.5 percent), an area in which Washington's struggled against opponents all season. ERIC BRANDNER

Bo Remembered at Michigan Stadium

Players, coaches and fans turn out to honor the coaching legend

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Michigan football greats from Desmond Howard to Dan Dierdorf passed through the tunnel and onto the field at Michigan Stadium. Many slapped the "GO BLUE" banner as they did when they played for Bo Schembechler's Wolverines.

The band pounded out the school's famous fight song, "The Victors," and the national anthem preceded the afternoon event.

PAUL SANCYA/AP

Christine Woffard holds up a sign in tribute to former coach Bo Schembechler.

It was just like a football Saturday in Ann Arbor, except this time it was a Tuesday. And in this case, those in the stands at the Big House were mourning Schembechler, not cheering him.

Fans, family, players and university officials paid tribute to the famed coach during "A Celebration of Bo's Life." Speakers sat on a podium set up on the sideline that Schembechler roamed years ago.

"His integrity was larger than this stadium, and it shaped all that he was," university president Mary Sue Coleman said.

Schembechler died Friday at 77, ending a long battle with heart disease and diabetes, the day before his beloved Wolverines were beaten by fierce rival Ohio State 42-39.

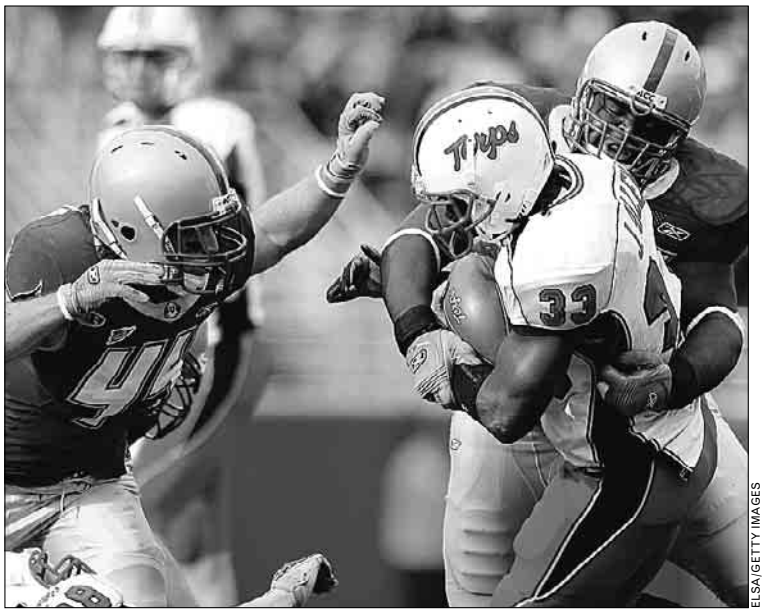
The man who currently walks the Michigan sideline — coach Lloyd Carr — talked about the person who hired him in 1980.

"I coached for 10 years with this man, stood by his side," Carr said. "There was never a moment where I thought that Bo Schembechler had a doubt about himself. Bo always knew what he wanted."

Carr looked out at those who braved the chilly fall temperatures to attend.

"There's no game today, but you're here because of what he was," Carr said. LARRY LAGE (AP)

Sports



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With a chance to control their own destiny, the Terps were smothered by Boston College last week on the road. Now they must hope Miami can beat the Eagles.

For Terps, ACC Is A Spectator Sport

Maryland is left hoping for a BC loss at Miami on Thanksgiving Day

TERPS FOOTBALL | Thursday night, with bellies full of turkey, the Maryland Terrapins will settle in front of various television sets and find out just how much they have to be thankful for.

If Miami, which has been wilting fast, can muster a victory against Boston College, the Terps will be especially thankful, particularly about the fact that their Atlantic Coast Conference championship hopes are still alive.

If the Hurricanes prevail, the winner of Saturday's Maryland-Wake Forest matchup in College Park will win the Atlantic Division and face Georgia Tech in the title game in Jacksonville. A win there would mean a BCS bowl berth and a very happy holiday season.

On the other hand, if Boston College wins, the Terrapins' title hopes will be dashed.

The Terrapins (8-3, 5-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) could have avoided this spectator session had they not gotten into the spirit of giving a bit earlier this year, handing Saturday's game to Boston College after four costly turnovers.

"We missed an opportunity to control our own destiny," coach Ralph Friedgen said. "I don't know how things are going to play out, but — whatever bowl you go to you'll go to a better bowl with nine wins than with eight."

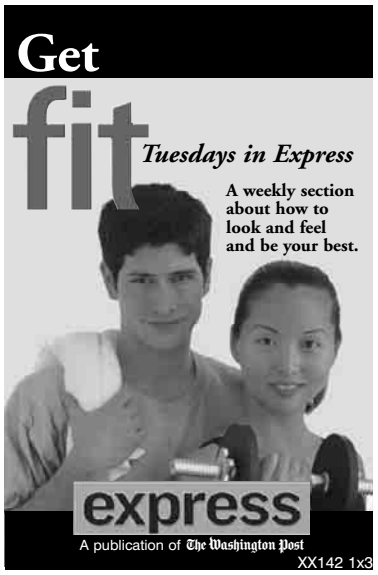
Most seasons, Maryland would be more than happy to be playing a critical late-season game at home against Wake Forest. After all, Maryland has beaten the Demon Deacons seven consecutive times. But Wake Forest is no punching bag this season.

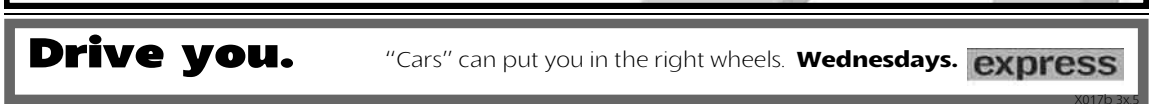
Fueled by freshman quarterback Riley Skinner, the Demon Deacons (9-2, 5-2) have matched a school record in victories, with their only losses coming to ranked teams. Skinner leads the conference in passing efficiency, picking defenses apart with a succession of short passes.

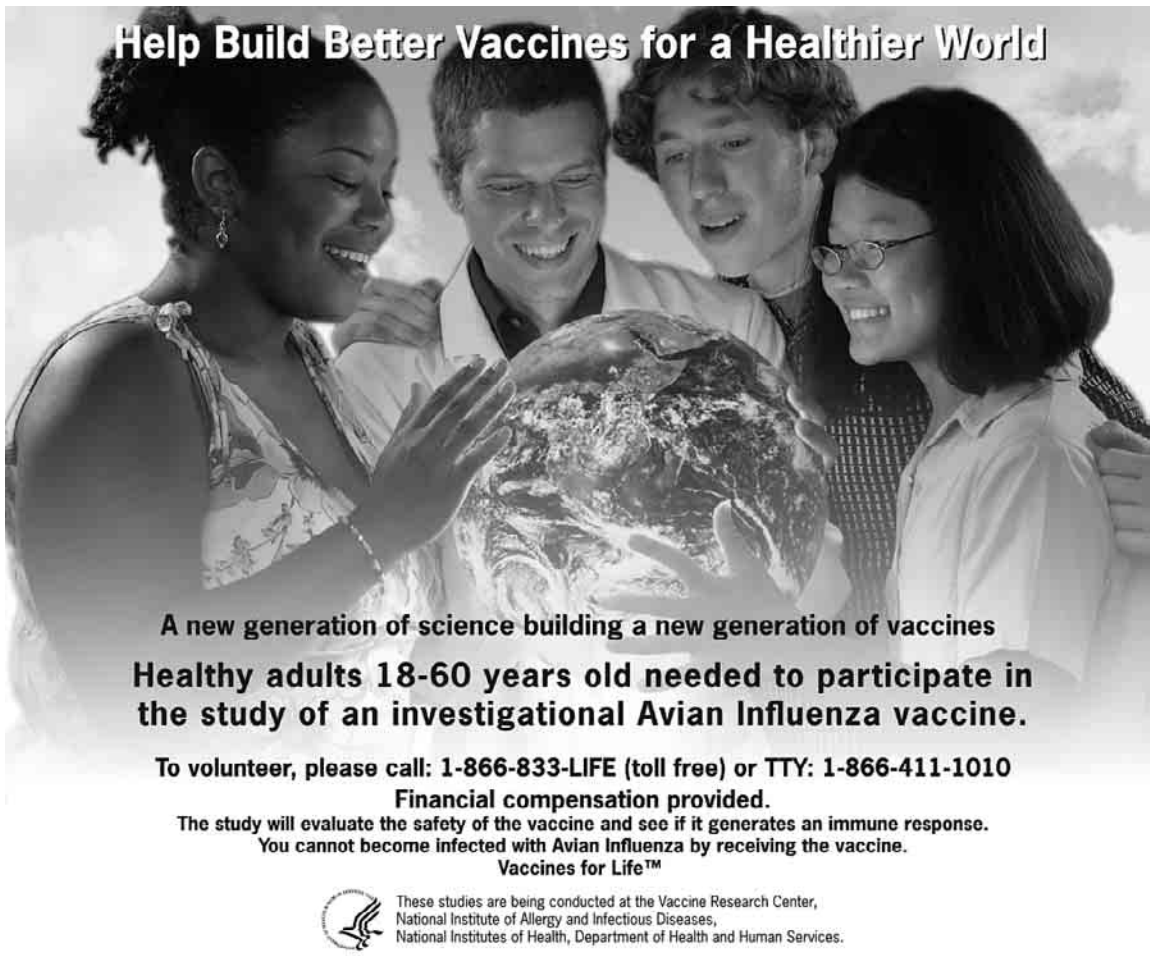
Saturday will be a big game, but it could be a huge game. For now, however, Friedgen is refusing to let himself or his players look ahead.

"If Miami should beat Boston College, then it will have tremendous implications for us," he said. "We can't wait for that to happen. We have to get ready to play."

DEREK TURNER







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Trojans' November Reign

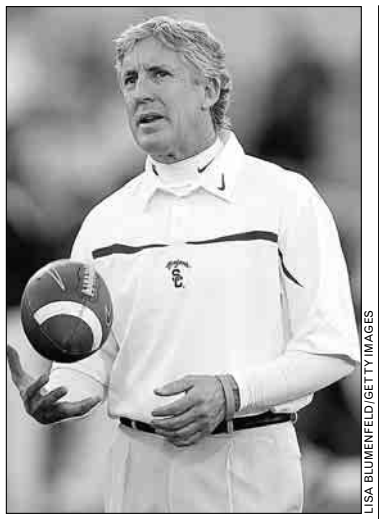
In 6 seasons as coach, Carroll is 19-0 in final month of the season

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | A strong finish is a big deal at Southern California. The coaching staff talks about it, the players, too.

Whether it be finishing games or the season, the philosophy is to perform at the highest level when it means the most. The Trojans have consistently done that under the leadership of Pete Carroll.

"It means a tremendous amount to a team in any sport," the USC coach said Tuesday. "It's been an outstanding characteristic of this program, I'm real proud of it."

A perfect example of finishing a game came last weekend, when No. 3 USC outscored No. 22 California 17-0 in the second half for a 23-9 victory. That gave the Trojans an unprecedented fifth straight Pac-10 championship and kept their national championship hopes alive.



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USC coach Pete Carroll said he's proud of his team's ability to finish games.

It was just another step toward a strong finish to this season — something the Trojans have managed in each of Carroll's six years as evidenced by their 19-0 record in November. They're 3-0 this November, scoring 100 points while giving up only 19.

"The fourth quarter is crunch time. The season is won or lost in November," junior defensive end Lawrence Jackson said. "Something is sparked in the competitive nature of this team. When I was a freshman, that's all I knew. That's all I know now."

Should the Trojans (9-1) keep it up by beating No. 5 Notre Dame (10-1) on Saturday night at the Coliseum and crosstown rival UCLA on Dec. 2 at the Rose Bowl, they'd have a good chance at being picked to face No. 1 Ohio State in the national championship game. JOHN NADEL (AP)

Sunday PICK'EM

	Matt Swenson SPORTS COLUMNIST, EXPRESS	Ian Herbert SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Eric Brandner FOOTBALL WRITER, EXPRESS	Dave Goldberg SPORTS WRITER ASSOCIATED PRESS
DOLPHINS (MINUS 3) AT LIONS	**LIONS** It must be the turkey. Detroit always seems to play well on Thanksgiving.	**LIONS** The Dolphins are the better team, but Thanksgiving is for the Lions.	**DOLPHINS** Miami is hot. Detroit should be contracted.	**DOLPHINS** Joey Harrington returns to Detroit with three straight wins. Make it four.
BRONCOS (PICK) AT CHIEFS	**BRONCOS** Denver is thankful not to have to face the Chargers offense two weeks in a row.	**BRONCOS** Was that Trent Green at QB for the Chiefs last week or Gus Frerotte?	**BRONCOS** I can't believe in Jake Plummer, but I believe in the Chiefs even less.	**CHIEFS** One factor is the inconsistent Jake Plummer, who runs the Denver offense.
PANTHERS (MINUS 4) AT REDSKINS	**PANTHERS** One team is playing for a playoff spot. The other has nothing to play for.	**PANTHERS** The Redskins are one of the few teams in the NFL that doesn't even keep it close.	**REDSKINS** Neither team has the power to deliver a knockout punch. Expect a nail biter.	**PANTHERS** Like the Cowboys, the Panthers are starting to perform as they should.
STEELERS (PLUS 3) AT RAVENS	**RAVENS** Baltimore hands the Super Bowl champs a final knockout blow.	**RAVENS** Steelers have won two in a row, but the Ravens have won their last four.	**RAVENS** My Thanksgiving dinner is with a pair of Pittsburghers. I hope they don't read this.	**RAVENS** If the Steelers are serious about a playoff push, this is a must-win. Sorry.
SAINTS (PLUS 3) AT FALCONS	**SAINTS** The Falcons are flying south — in a hurry.	**SAINTS** A season sweep looked like a dream in August. But that's how it's gone this year.	**SAINTS** Michael Vick gets to watch a real quarterback: Drew Brees.	**SAINTS** These two NFC South contenders are starting to slide.
BEARS (PLUS 3) AT PATRIOTS	**BEARS** How often will you be able to pick the Bears as an underdog this season?	**PATRIOTS** New England needs this more than the Bears, who lead the NFC by three games.	**BEARS** Belichick may tell the truth on his famously-long injury report after this one's over.	**PATRIOTS** New England is just 2-3 at home, but has the schemes to befuddle Rex Grossman.

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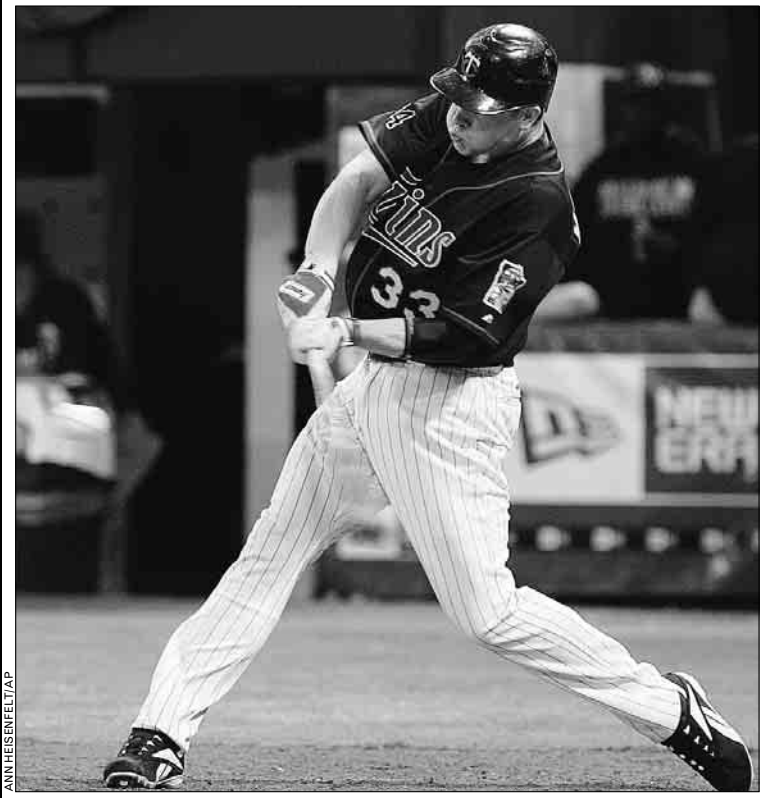

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FIRST BASEMEN FIRST: Twins first baseman Justin Morneau won the American League's MVP award on Tuesday after hitting .321 with 34 homers and 130 RBIs.

Morneau Edges Jeter for AL MVP

Three different Twins get votes, but the first baseman gets the nod

BASEBALL | Justin Morneau won the American League's Most Valuable Player Award on Tuesday, edging Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees after a season in which his 34 homers and 130 RBIs helped the Minnesota Twins capture their division.

Morneau received 15 first-place votes, eight seconds, three thirds and two fourths for 320 points in voting by a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Jeter got 12 firsts, 14 seconds, one fourth and one sixth for 306 points.

"Last night, even I was saying I don't expect to get it. I might have given myself maybe a 50-50 chance," the first baseman said. "I didn't want to set myself up for disappointment if I didn't get it."

Three Twins finished among the top seven in the MVP voting. Joe Mauer won the AL batting title this year and Minnesota pitcher Johan Santana won the AL Cy Young last week.

"That says a lot," Morneau said. "I'd love to play my whole career here. We have a great young team."

It was the 16th-closest MVP race since the current format began in 1938, and the 10th closest in the AL.

Morneau hit .321 in helping the Twins win the AL Central for the fourth time in five years. Jeter batted .344 with 14 homers and 97 RBIs, finishing three points behind Mauer, who became the first catcher to win an AL batting title. RONALD BLUM (AP)

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS
Here's a look at the top five in the AL MVP voting with the number of points they received:

1. Justin Morneau, Twins, 320 pts.
2. Derek Jeter, Yankees, 306
3. David Ortiz, Red Sox, 193
4. Frank Thomas, Athletics, 174
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O's Turn Attention to the Prized Lee

Birds strengthen their bullpen with addition of 2 new left-handers

ORIOLES | The Baltimore Orioles fortified their bullpen by finalizing deals Tuesday with left-handers Jamie Walker and John Parrish, then turned their attention toward free agent Carlos Lee.

Lee batted .300 with 37 homers, 116 RBIs and 19 steals with Texas and Milwaukee in 2006. He would be a welcome addition to a team that had only two players hit more than 16 homers — Miguel Tejada (24) and Ramon Hernandez (23).

Baltimore is one of several clubs in pursuit of Lee, who has averaged 33 homers and 111 RBIs over the last four seasons.

"We're in the mix, definitely," Orioles vice president Jim Duquette said.

Walker, who reached a preliminary agreement last week on a three-year deal, passed his physical and will get $3 million next year and $4.5 million in each of the following two seasons.

Lee

The 35-year-old was 0-1 with a 2.81 ERA in 56 games with the AL champion Detroit Tigers this year. He walked only eight batters in 48 innings.

"We have targeted the bullpen as an area that we want to improve, and we certainly believe we've begun that process with the addition of Jamie Walker," Orioles executive vice president Mike Flanagan said.

Parrish missed all last season after ligament replacement surgery in his elbow and was eligible for salary arbitration. He gets $575,000 and would earn $20,000 bonuses for 20 games and each additional five games through 55.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Nats Hire Former Braves Coach

NATIONALS | Former major league manager Pat Corrales was hired Tuesday by the Washington Nationals as their bench coach, the same position he held with Atlanta the past eight seasons.

New Nationals manager Manny Acta completed his staff by also bringing aboard former Montreal Expos first-base coach Jerry Morales, third-base coach Tim Tolman and bullpen coach Rick Aponte. Mitchell Page will return as the hitting coach. (AP)

Caps' Goals Sparse in OTs, Shootouts

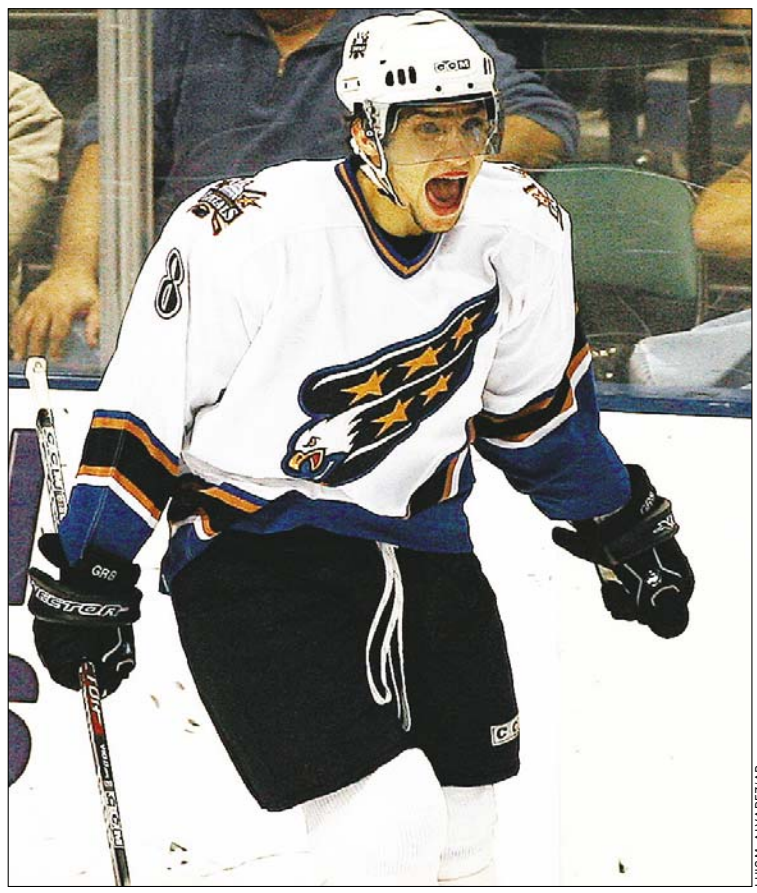
Washington is leaving points on the table with losses after regulation

CAPITALS | Under the rules adopted last year when the NHL emerged from hiatus, each team earns a point when a game is tied after regulation. While the overtime or shootout winner receives one more, the losers leave the rink knowing they got something for their effort.

Unfortunately for the 8-6-6 Washington Capitals, six of those points have been left on the ice so far this season — the most in the league and enough to equal three more wins.

Those points would lift the Caps from ninth place to fourth in the Eastern Conference heading into last night's games, and may be missed if the team is able to sustain its chase for a playoff berth in February and March. Two defeats came in OT, a five-minute, four-on-four session in which a team like the Caps that usually is out-shot is less likely to prevail.

But the other four came in the shootout, which is somewhat surprising considering the Caps boast Olie Kolzig in net and snipers such as Alex Ovechkin and Alexander Semin. The team's futility is total. They have yet to score a single goal in losing four tiebreakers this fall, including one to tonight's opponent, Atlanta. In addition, Kolzig and backup Brent Johnson have the NHL's worst save percentage.



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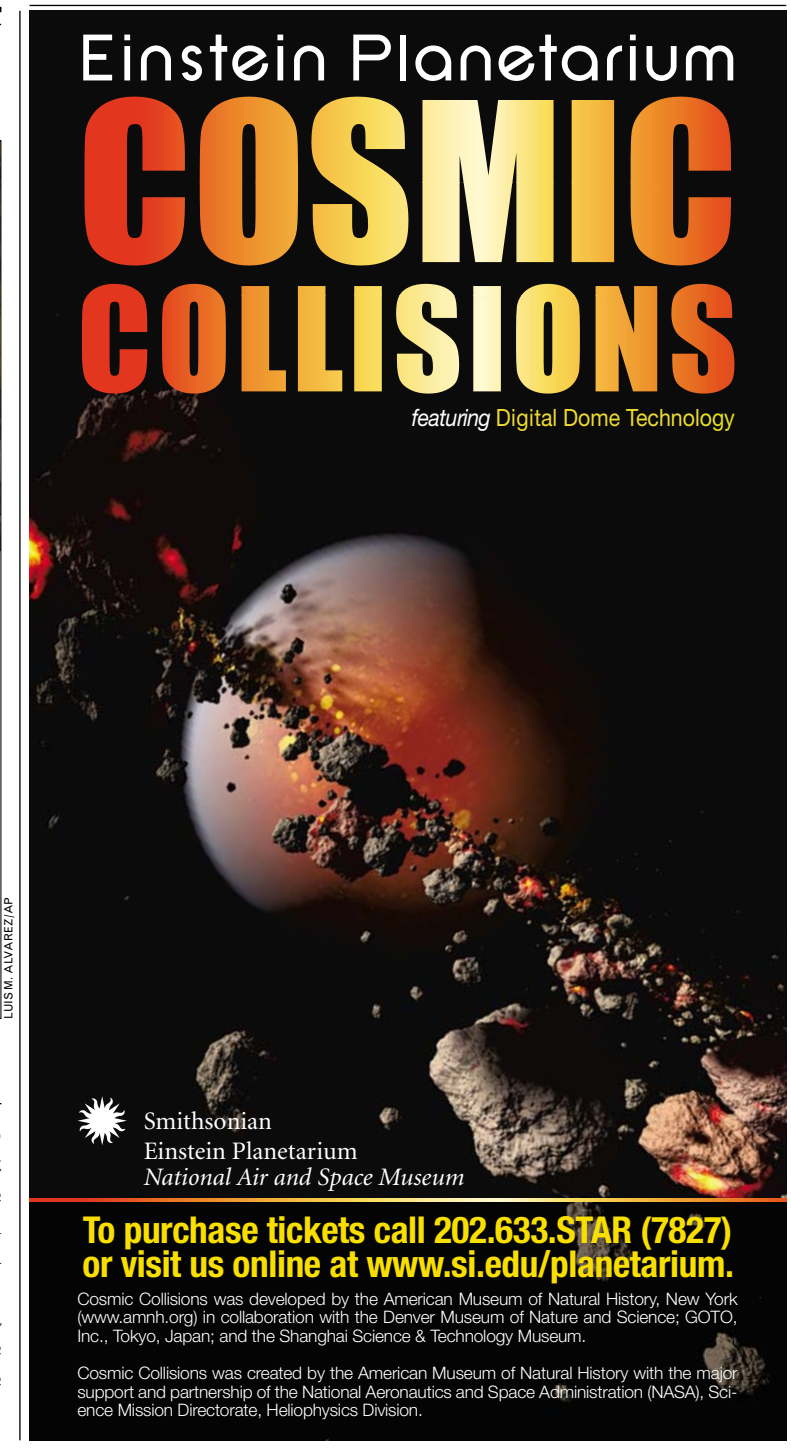
SCREAMING EAGLE: Alex Ovechkin celebrates after scoring a second-period goal last week. But the Capitals have struggled to score in overtime and in shootouts.

Ovechkin has missed eight straight attempts dating back to last season.

"It's unproductive for us to sit in misery here and think it's never going to go our way. We have lots of firepower. We'll work on these things," Caps coach Glen Hanlon said last week after a shootout loss to Boston. Hanlon and a few players have said that it is difficult to replicate the pressure of a shootout in practice, and there's been some talk about juggling the three-man lineup, but Hanlon seems convinced the Caps' fortunes will change.

"We feel we have as good [a shootout lineup] as anybody in the league. It's just a matter of time," he said. BRIAN STRAUS



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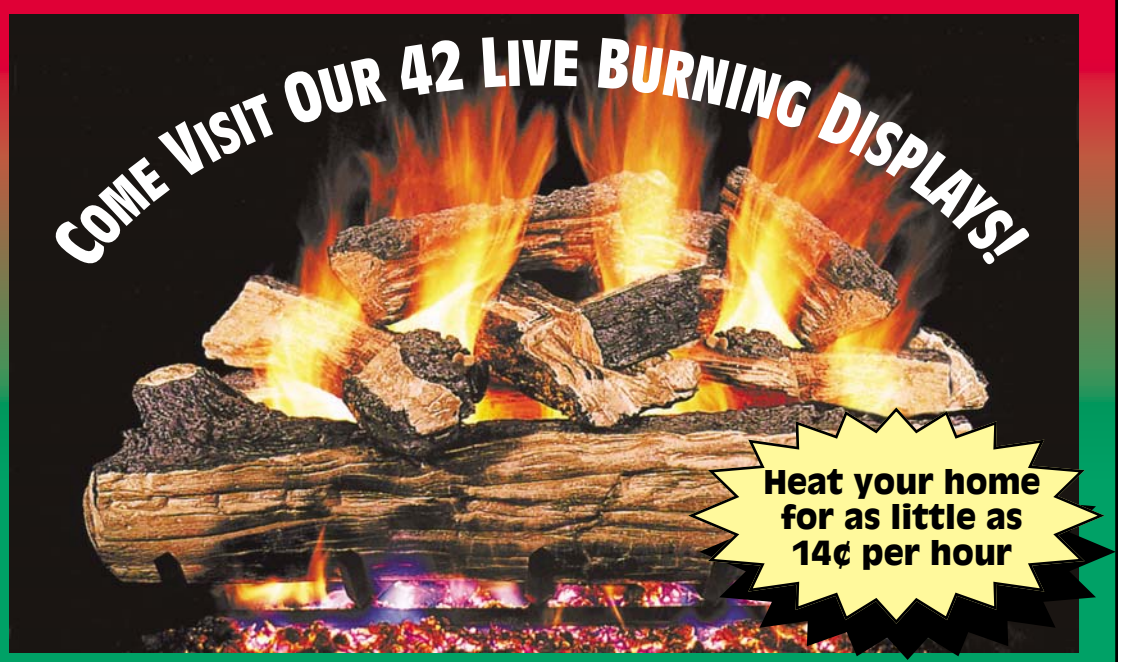

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CARLOS CHAVEZ/L.A. TIMES

If you like a thing that knows its job, does it, and does it well — without being too flashy — the 2007 Saturn Aura is the car willing to step up to the plate for you.

Aura Gets On Base

Saturn sticks to the fundamentals, comes through in the clutch

ROAD TEST | Consider the beauty of the base hit. The pitch, the swing ... there! ... a skittering worm-burner between second and third, just beyond the shortstop's glove. Is there anything so majestically modest? No vainglorious windmilling for the fences. No manager's chicanery — the ignoble bunt or sac fly. The base hit is the game's fundamental increment.

Car companies are like baseball teams. They love home runs. They need base hits.

For most of Saturn's 16-year-career, it might as well have been swinging a canoe paddle. But things are definitely turning around with the Saturn Aura, a roundly agreeable, athletic midsize sedan that — how to say? — fills out its pinstripes nicely. How's that for metaphor abuse?

It's not as if the game has been reinvented. The Aura is a fairly programmatic product, a knitting together of many of its far-flung resources. It's just better knitting. The Aura's handsomely machined surfaces, harmonious lines and general conformation give a good first impression. Especially in XR trim — with its turbine-like, 18-inch alloy wheels — the Aura actually looks pretty posh and sophisticated, with subtle but vital metal highlights glowing around the windows and the grille, and haute-tech LED tail lamps. Amazing.

What's different with the Aura is execution — exkoosion, as a Little League baseball coach would say. For one thing, there isn't much evidence of cost-whittling in the Aura. Actually, the car puts up a fine argument on paper.

There's no brake-throttle trick to it; just stand on the gas. Green means go. The low-speed punch is welcome, but it's the car's mid-throttle verve that makes it fun to drive — and, God, it is fun to drive.

DAN NEIL (THE LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Cars

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CAR CARE

My Acura dealer is trying to charge me around $100 just for the labor to change the in-cabin filter on my 2003 TL. Can this be right?
The book says it should take four-tenths of one hour, so $100 sounds extremely high — unless their labor rate is more than $200 per hour.

Since Ford and GM say their cars are just as good as the others, why won't they put up a 10-year/100,000-mile warranty like Kia does? The fact that they're not doing it speaks volumes.
Yep, it speaks volumes — in advertisements. I fix cars for a living, and if it wasn't for the imports, I'd be out of business.

I'm relocating to Colorado next week. I have a 2006 Toyota 4-Runner SR5 with the V6 and tow package. I am planning on towing a mid-sized, single-axle U-Haul behind me on the way out. I just completed the first oil change. Is there anything else I should do to prep for the long drive/tow?
Because it's an '06, it should be good to go.

The only mechanical problem we've had with our 2001 Camry is that various emissions equipment go bad, primarily a vacuum switching valve and charcoal canister. I keep getting the same engine trouble codes — P0440, P0441, P0446.
You're destined to continue replacing parts unless you test them properly. Codes do not tell what is wrong. Codes do tell what is being affected by what is wrong. You need to run test sequence P0440, test sequence P0441 and test sequence P0446.

I'm looking to buy a good used — and cheap! — car. Any recommendations for reliable used cars?
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My car has been making a strange noise from the right front wheel well. It only makes this sound when I make left turns, and it only occurs at the start of the turn.
Check both front axle bearings.

I just picked up a 2004 Toyota 4-Runner Sport Edition. Is there anything I should watch out for?
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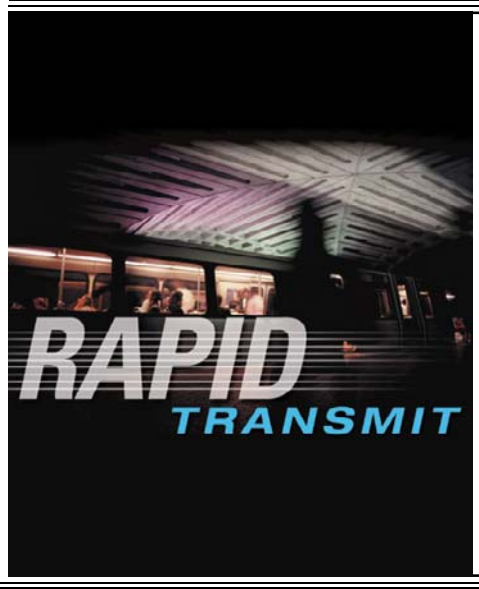

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Table Mountain hikes offer a bird's-eye view of the city by the sea

TOUR DU JOUR | "This bush is called the Climber's Friend," said the guide, pointing at a plant on Cape Town's Table Mountain.

The prickly bush certainly didn't look amicable. "Grab onto it if you think you're going to fall," he continued. "It might save your life."

The scenario seemed awfully dire, but as a Cape Town local, I've read several articles about hikers in peril. So I took a close look at the bush, and hoped our relationship would remain a long-distance one.

I generally love seeing nature up close, but I'm a reluctant hiker. Cape Town's new Hoerikwaggo Table Mountain Trail was a good compromise. Introduced last December by Table Mountain National Park, the three-day, 16-mile hike lets visitors sleep over, for the first time, on Cape Town's flat-topped mountain.

The hike begins near the Mount Nelson Hotel, on the northern side, traverses the top, and ends with a descent down the southeastern side into Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden.

"The goal is to connect all kinds of people to the mountain," says Hoerikwaggo Trails Project Manager Stephen Lamb — including nature lovers, dedicated gearheads, even me. Part of the appeal is that hikers aren't exactly roughing it. Tour literature touts the hike as "unabashedly geared for comfort," with "mouth-watering catered meals."

We were led by two South African guides, Mxolisi Magwaxaza and Lulama Mzonyane, and their mentor, Ivan Goetz. The national park recruits guides from poor communities, then trains them in first aid and educates them about plant and animal life. Goetz, a grizzled mountaineer, is overseeing Magwaxaza and Mzonyane until they're formally licensed.

ROGER DE LA HARPE/SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM

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>
> **STEPHEN LAMB**, TOUR GUIDE

I was raring to go, but we spent the entire day touring around the city itself. Table Mountain loomed above us like a tease. The plan was to spend the night at the base of the slope and then take the cable car to the top of the mountain, where we'd begin hiking the next morning. On the second day, however, the cable car was out of commission due to high winds. As ready as I was to hike, I wasn't exactly prepared to scale the mountain.

We started the ascent, a mile-long staircase of stones and boulders. It took 90 minutes to reach the peak. The reward was a short rest and a spectacular view of the Atlantic Ocean from 3,500 feet up.

For the next two days, we hiked across wetlands and through thickets of reeds. There are more than 1,500 plant species on Table Mountain, and our guides frequently stopped to point out some of the more unusual ones. The buffets exceeded my expectations. The highlight was a traditional Cape Malay dinner, with spiced Javanese chicken and carrot achar, a wickedly hot relish.

At the end of this tour, however, I wasn't craving a single thing. ILANA SHARLIN STONE (BUDGET TRAVEL MAGAZINE)

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Television

ON TV TONIGHT

DISCO BALL OR BUTTERBALL?
MADONNA: THE CONFESSIONS TOUR — LIVE FROM LONDON (8 p.m., NBC) Wow, a live show the night before Thanksgiving? Who's preparing the big Butterball for Madonna? OK. It's not live. But let's not accuse Madonna of trying to pass off something phony. Like her accent.

TOO MANY KIDS
YOURS, MINE AND OURS (8 p.m., TCM) Rene Russo and Dennis Quaid reprise the Lucille Ball and Henry Fonda roles in this 2005 remake of the 1968 comedy.

CUDDLY DOGS! RUN, KIDS, RUN!
In **BEETHOVEN'S 4TH** (8 p.m., Disney), Judge Reinhold and Julia Sweeney compete for screen time with a St. Bernard. Not dissimilar to **MEN IN BLACK** (7:30 p.m., Cartoon Network), in which Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones are upstaged by a pug.

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TURKEY TIME: Madonna gives thanks for British accents in her concert.

OH, GOD, NO — SASSY CATS
GARFIELD: THE MOVIE (8 p.m., FX) Like "Cheaper," this film spawned a sequel that critics loathed. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

'Denver' Broncos

MTV's sorta-reality show begins its 18th season tonight

MILE HIGH CLUB | MTV debuted the proto-reality, pseudo-reality series "The Real World" (8 p.m.) 18 years ago. That means the original cast of cuties in the big city struggling with ... whatever absurd teenage dramas they struggled with are now in their mid-30s. The nice girl? The gay kid? The sexy chick? Even the drunk guy? Yup, even the drunk guy.

But if this nation pumps out one product with seeming inexhaustibility, it's young camera-hogs who think velvet-colored furniture and foosball tables are "awesome." Sixteen years in the voyeur business, MTV hits the hot tub again with "The Real World: Denver."

As has become traditional in this franchise, the cast won't be entirely abandoned to boredom and idleness. The network has signed them up for a do-gooding project and some for an inexplicable trip to Thailand.

But we know what you're thinking: "Denver? Huh?" A valid response. After all, what does the Mile High City have that the supersexy nation's capital doesn't? "TRW" will probably never film a D.C. installment; at this point, "The Real World: Boise" is ahead of us in line. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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	E!	House of Carters	House of Carters	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Sean Diddy Combs: True Story		Dr. 90210 "Flat and Flatter"		Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	E! News	The Daily 10
	FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★★ "Garfield: The Movie" (2004, Comedy) Breckin Meyer. Premiere.				★★ "Garfield: The Movie" (2004) Breckin Meyer, Jennifer Love Hewitt.			
	HGTV	If Walls Could	Rezoned	What You Get	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Hidden Potential	Design on a Dime	Design on a Dime	House Hunters	House Worth?	Junk Brothers	Hammered
	Family	Everwood "The L Word"		Gilmore Girls "P.S. I Lo..."		★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children.						The 700 Club	
	History	Modern Marvels: Distilleries 2		Inside the Macy's Parade		American Eats Holiday-season foods.		The Presidents "1849-1865"		The Presidents "1865-1885"		The Presidents The Gilded Age.	
	Lifetime	Reba "The Rings"	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba "Go Far"	Reba	"Fighting the Odds: The Marilyn Gambrell Story" (2005) Jami Gertz.				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV	Beauty and the Geek		Sucker Free		The Real World "Denver"		The Real World "Denver"		The Real World "Denver"		Beauty and the Geek	
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	SPIKE	(5:00) ★★ "Rocky IV" (1985)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		★★★ "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971) Sean Connery. Agent 007 saves the world from Blofeld's space laser.					
	TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(:15) ★★★ "Selena" (1997) (PA)	
	TLC	While You Were Out		My Skin Could Kill Me		Tourettes Rewired		Untold Stories of the E.R.		Untold Stories of the E.R.		Tourettes Rewired	
	TNT	PGA Golf Grand Slam of Golf -- Day Two. From Poipu Bay Golf Course in Kauai, Hawaii. (Live)								Without a Trace "Pilot"		Las Vegas "The Story of Owe"	
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Beast"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
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	CSN	Totally Football	SportsNite	NHL Hockey Atlanta Thrashers at Washington Capitals. From Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.					Caps Postgame	SportsNite (Live)		Hoops Preview	Final Score
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	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Scarborough Country		City in Fear: The Versace Murder		MSNBC Reports "Mercy or Murder"	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:00) ★★★ "Ghost" (1990) Patrick Swayze. 'PG-13'			★ "Speed 2: Cruise Control" (1997, Action) Sandra Bullock, Jason Patric. 'PG-13'					Hustle "The Con Is On"		(:15) ★★★ "The Blues Brothers" 'R'	
	TCM	(:15) ★★ "Night Passage" (1957, Western) James Stewart, Dan Duryea. 'NR'				★★ "Yours, Mine & Ours" (2005, Comedy) Dennis Quaid, Rene Russo. 'PG'				★★★ "The Facts of Life" (1960, Comedy-Drama) Bob Hope. 'NR'			
	HBO	(5:15) Thin		(:15) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. 'PG-13'						Inside the NFL (N)		Real Time	
	MAX	(4:30) Jarhead 'R'	(:45) ★★★ "JFK" (1991, Drama) Kevin Costner, Sissy Spacek. New Orleans DA Jim Garrison sees assassination conspiracy. 'R'							★★★ "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005) Johnny Depp. 'PG'			
	SHOW	(5:00) Cypher 'R'	(:35) ★★ "The Final Cut" (2004) Robin Williams. 'PG-13'			(:15) ★★ "Woman Thou Art Loosed" (2004) Kimberly Elise. iTV. 'R'				Dexter "Shrink Wrap" Dexter's past.		Masters of Horror "Sounds Like" (iTV)	
	TMC	Nature of Things	★★★ "Cowboy del Amor" (2005) 'NR'			★★ "The Ballad of Jack and Rose" (2005) Daniel Day-Lewis. 'R'				★ "The Dust Factory" (2004) Armin Mueller-Stahl. 'PG'			Dr. Goldfoot
	STARZ!	(5:20) ★★ "Under Siege 2" (1995)		(:05) ★★★ "Casanova" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Heath Ledger. 'R'				★★ "Stealth" (2005) Josh Lucas. Three pilots combat artificial intelligence.				(:05) ★★★ "Sin City" (2005) 'R'	
	ENCORE	(:15) ★★ "Hocus Pocus" (1993, Comedy) Bette Midler. 'PG'				★★ "The Forgotten" (2004) Julianne Moore. 'PG-13'			(:35) ★★ "Six Days, Seven Nights" (1998) Harrison Ford. 'PG-13'				XXX: Union

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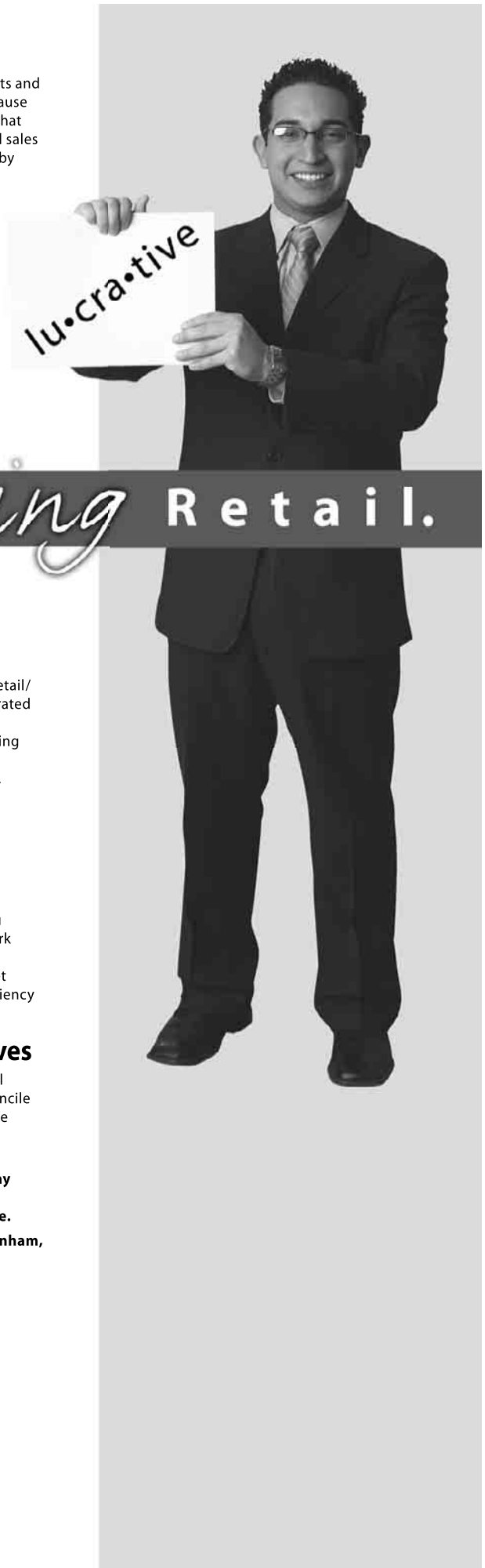

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Obituary

Robert Altman, who made a living satirizing Hollywood, dies at 81

Robert Altman, the caustic and irreverent satirical filmmaker behind "M-A-S-H," "Nashville" and "The Player" who made a career out of bucking Hollywood, has died at 81.

The director died Monday night at a Los Angeles Hospital, Joshua Astrachan, a producer at Altman's Sandcastle 5 Productions in New York City, told The Associated Press. A news release issued later said Altman died of complications from cancer.

A five-time Academy Award nominee for best director, most recently for 2001's "Gosford Park," he finally won a lifetime achievement Oscar in 2006.

"No other filmmaker has gotten a better shake than I have," Altman said while accepting the award. "I'm very fortunate in my career. I've never had to direct a film I didn't choose or develop. My love for filmmaking has given me an entree to the world and to the human condition."

Elliot Gould, who starred in "M-A-S-H," said Altman's legacy would "nuture and inspire filmmakers and artists for generations to come."

"He was the last great American director in the tradition of John Ford," Gould said. "He was my friend and I'll always be grateful to him for the experience and opportunities he gave me."

Altman had one of the most distinctive styles among modern filmmakers. He often employed huge ensemble casts, encouraged improvisation and overlapping dialogue and filmed scenes in long tracking shots that would flit from character to character.

PHOTO CREDIT

ACTOR'S DIRECTOR: While Robert Altman famously loathed studios, he greatly admired actors. Many of his films, including "Nashville," left, were ensemble pieces.

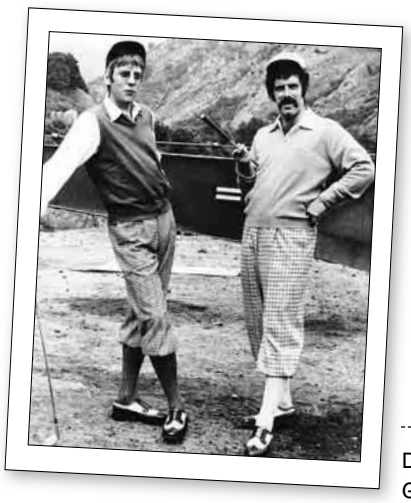
A Most Valuable 'Player'

Perpetually in and out of favor with audiences and critics, Altman worked ceaselessly since his anti-war black comedy "M-A-S-H" established his reputation in 1970, but he would go for years at a time directing obscure movies before roaring back with a hit.

After a string of commercial duds including "The Gingerbread Man" in 1998, "Cookie's Fortune" in 1999 and "Dr. T & the Women" in 2000, Altman took his all-American cynicism to Britain for 2001's "Gosford Park," for which he earned his last Oscar nomination for best director.

Altman's other best-director Oscar nominations came for "M-A-S-H," the country music saga "Nashville" from 1975, the movie-business satire "The Player" from 1992 and the ensemble character study "Short Cuts" from 1993. He also earned a best-picture nomination as producer of "Nashville."

No director ever got more best-director nominations without winning a regular Oscar, though four other men — Alfred Hitchcock, Martin Scorsese, Clarence Brown and King Vidor — are tied with Altman at five.



Donald Sutherland, left, and Elliot Gould starred in 1970's "M-A-S-H."

DIRECTOR'S CUTS

Robert Altman made a name for himself working outside Hollywood with films like:

- "M-A-S-H," 1970
- "McCabe and Mrs. Miller," 1971
- "Nashville," 1975
- "The Player," 1992
- "Short Cuts," 1993
- "Gosford Park," 2001
- "A Prairie Home Companion," 2006

Altman never minced words about reproaching Hollywood. After the Sept. 11 attacks, he said Hollywood served as a source of inspiration for the terrorists by making violent action movies that amounted to training films for such attacks.

"Nobody would have thought to commit an atrocity like that unless they'd seen it in a movie," Altman said.

Altman was written off repeatedly by the Hollywood establishment, and his reputation for arrogance and hard drinking — a habit he eventually gave up — hindered his efforts to raise money for his idiosyncratic films.

While critical of studio executives, Altman held actors in the highest esteem. He joked that on "Gosford Park," he was there mainly to turn the lights on and off for the performers.

The respect was mutual. Top-name actors would clamor for even bit parts in his films.

Altman and his wife, Kathryn, had two sons, Robert and Matthew, and he had a daughter, Christine, and two other sons, Michael and Stephen, from two previous marriages. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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Star Jones Reynolds was the emcee at a live speaking of "The Bible Experience."

"Bible Experience" is available on CD and in MP3 formats, with an Old Testament version due in fall 2007 that is expected to run much longer. It will feature many of the same actors, although someone will take over for Jackson as God, a role that will balloon from about two hours to more than 70.

The project is the brainchild of Kyle Bowser, a former television executive. Bowser said he recommitted himself to Christianity in 1997 around the time his wife, sitcom producer Yvette Lee Bowser, was pregnant with their first child. A few years later, he bought a 65-CD audio Bible that he quit listening to "after the first two or three discs" because he was not inspired.

"The production value was lacking and I thought, gee whiz, if we could do this and really capture people's attention, how much more impactful and engaging it might be," he said.

The producers decided early on to cast only black actors and other personalities, hoping to attract a black audience. They also wanted to shatter the Hollywood mold of white Bible productions.

"I was particularly interested in developing a product that might resonate with the African-American community," Bowser said. "I've long felt that Christian product tends to ignore our perspective."

He called it "a gift from our community to the world to be shared and appreciated by all."

JAMES PRICHARD (AP)

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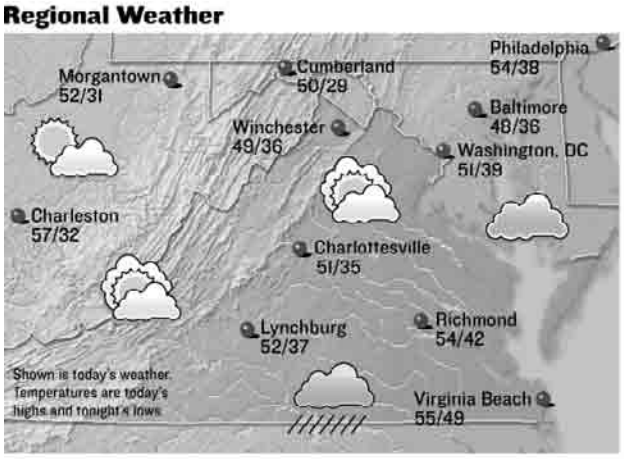

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	47°
Low	37°
Normal high	55°
Normal low	38°
Average humidity	58%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	4.28"
Normal month to date	2.13"
Year to date	45.33"
Last year to date	40.29"
Normal year to date	35.40"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

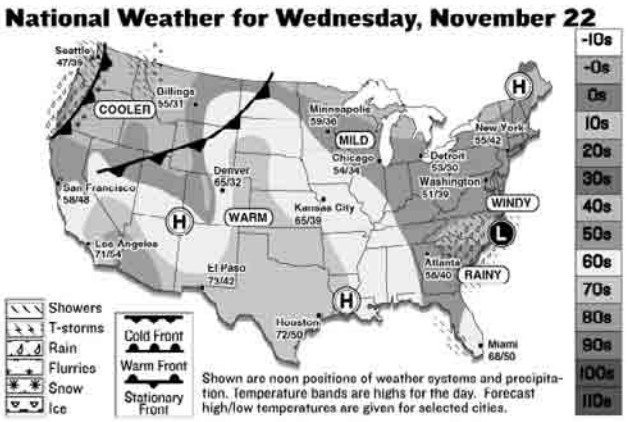
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy. High 51. Wind north-northeast 12-25 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, breezy, rain late. Low 39.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:58 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:50 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:57 a.m.
Moonset today	5:51 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 28	Dec 4	Dec 12	Dec 20

National Weather for Wednesday, November 22



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	58/40/pc	71/43/s
Boston	50/39/s	49/40/r
Chicago	54/34/s	56/35/s
Dallas	78/49/s	76/55/s
Denver	65/32/s	59/24/pc
Honolulu	84/71/c	83/71/c
Los Angeles	71/54/pc	69/52/pc
Miami	68/50/s	72/55/s
New York City	55/42/s	48/41/r
Orlando	61/44/s	70/48/s
Seattle	47/39/sh	46/40/r

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	48/45/sh	54/48/r
Athens	66/56/sh	66/54/c
Berlin	46/32/sh	46/43/c
Buenos Aires	82/64/s	88/70/s
Calgary	22/4/sf	17/-1/sf
Dublin	50/48/sh	52/41/r
Geneva	46/42/sh	58/45/r
Moscow	34/28/c	35/35/sn
Rome	62/46/r	64/54/pc
Sydney	91/74/pc	85/66/s
Tokyo	64/42/pc	59/44/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

The Secret's Out

Behind the scenes at the Victoria's Secret holiday lingerie show

All the high-profile trappings are here: skimpy outfits, leggy models in super-high heels, ogling photographers, seamstresses with straight pins dangling from their mouths.

But the fittings for the Victoria's Secret fashion show, held in preparation for the flashy Los Angeles runway show to be televised Dec. 5 on CBS, are decidedly low-key. More than 11 million people watched the show on TV last year, up 71 percent from 2003. Victoria's Secret skipped 2004 after the Janet Jackson breast-revealing "wardrobe malfunction" at that year's Super Bowl.

Join us for a three-stop, behind-the-scenes tour of the show that those millions will see.

DIANE BONDAREFF/AP

The Angels

Karolina Kurkova mockingly strikes cheesecake poses to amuse the rest of the crew while two men fuss with her Victoria's Secret Angel "wings" to try to make them more comfortable. It's not easy: They're about 5-feet wide and are made of dozens of faux snow-covered branches.

They end up stuffing a sock between Kurkova's back and the base. She wonders aloud if it was a clean sock — and doesn't get an answer.

Selita Ebanks, 21, is one of the lesser-known Victoria's Secret Angels. Does she have any reservations about parading in the tiniest undergarments in front of a crowd? Not after last year's show, where she was dressed as a "gift."

"I had two strings on the side holding everything up," she says. "You can't get sexier than that."

Victoria's Secret model Selita Ebanks is quite a card in a casino-inspired ensemble.

Who Makes The Cut

Tacked up on one wall are Polaroids of models who've already gone through the first round of fittings. Show organizers and stylists use these as pieces in a complicated, constantly moving chess game, figuring out the order in which the models will appear and who will wear what.

For example, originally one model, 5-foot-7 Andi, was going to wear a corset, but the garment was too big and hard for her. However, on more statuesque Rosie, the corset looked right: She's taller, so she can carry it off.

Generally, lingerie models are curvier than typical runway models. The top catwalkers often are the more shapely ones, including Kurkova and Goulart, but they are certainly not the norm. Many more ready-to-wear models are thin human clothes hangers.

"At castings, we look for more voluptuous women. We want them to look real," Victoria's Secret spokeswoman Monica Mitro says. "We want models who are not too young, too skinny, but have a fashion edge."

The Collections

The rest of the workroom is cluttered. Props hang from wire grids, there are a half-dozen racks of lingerie, and sewing machines line the walls. However, none of this would exist if not for what hangs on the south wall: the inspiration boards that are broken down into themes, ranging from "Femme Fatale" to "Come Fly With Me."

"Come Fly With Me" features miniature versions of what flight attendants wore in the 1960s and 1970s — back when they were still stewardesses.

But how will this translate into your underwear drawer? Here's your answer: The seamless, label-free, single-piece Angels Secret Embrace Invisible Lace bra that anchored the Femme Fatale collection is already in stores.

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

File under Fad

Beauty

Fun-da-Mintal!

Mint! Freshener of breath, clearer of the sinuses! Now you come to **TESS SHIMMER SMILE** ($14, Sephora), a new healing lip balm! Your scent here is mild: You provide a subtle whiff of gum, not unlike the bottom of Grandma's purse. As for healing, lips were smoother after one application. There is a galaxy of glitter left with every swipe, but for those young enough (no glitter after 26!) to pull it off, it's worth it.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Fashion

Love the Shoe, Honey

Attention beta males and the women who love them: Your favorite "make my guy presentable" guru is back. **CARSON KRESSLEY** of "Queer Eye" fame returns with his own collection, and it's Perfect. No, really: Perfect is the name of his line. This time out he's also upgrading ladies' (as well as men's) closets. Powered by a love for all things Seabiscuit, Kressley uses an equestrian theme to give his line horsepower. QVC will launch Perfect on Nov. 29 at 9 p.m.

QUAND ROBINSON (EXPRESS)

Look out Online

from readexpress.com

Critics Fear 'One-Third' Vote

CAPITOL HILL | On Monday, Express asked readers about their thoughts on pending legislation in the House that would grant the District of Columbia a full vote on the House floor. D.C.'s delegate currently can vote in committee but not in the full House.

The bipartisan bill, co-sponsored by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., and Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., would expand the House by two seats, giving D.C. a vote and Utah a new at-large seat.

The bill currently has momentum to clear the House before the end of the 109th Congress — but it does not address equal representation in the Senate, something that irks staunch statehood activists.

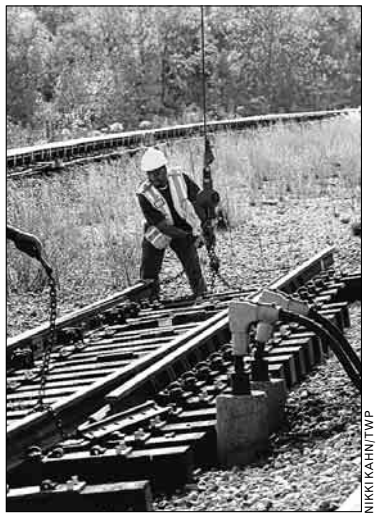
Norton

Davis

A few wrote Express to voice their displeasure, including former Shadow U.S. Rep. John Capozzi who said "one-third representation is not the solution to this problem."

Writes Timothy Cooper, executive director of the Worldrights organization: "The Davis/Norton bill is insufficient, ill-advised and unconstitutional. It is a sad reflection on the leadership of the District of Columbia, which has zealously pursued the lowest common denominator at the expense of standing forthrightly for fundamental rights. The Davis/Norton bill is not, nor has it ever been, a stepping stone for achieving true political equality; rather, if enacted, it will stand as a monument to the lost cause of equal D.C. rights. Only local politicos, who profit more by the practice of compromise than principle, would claim that a bill that grants D.C. residents one-third of a congressional vote after 200 years of disparate treatment at the hands of a hypocritical Congress represents 'a new dawn for democracy' in Washington, D.C. It is nothing of the kind. The Davis/Norton bill represents the dilution of our finest dreams and the erosion of our dignity. The residents of the District of Columbia should expect and accept nothing less than equality."

MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)



NIKKI KAHN/TWP

RELIEF: There's no scheduled weekend Metro track maintenance in December.

→ Coming Up Today

According to a settlement between lawyers representing protesters arrested during the 2001 presidential inauguration and the D.C. police, parading around without a permit is not an offense for which one can be arrested.

? Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should breast-feeding mothers cover up on planes?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Will Michael Richards' racist rant kill his career?

YES	NO
62%	38%

As of 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Not a scientific poll

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRORAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT **READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP**

THE Blog LOG

"[T]hey should level [Mount Pleasant] and make it a parking garage for people coming in to Adams Morgan for some real food."

A COMMENTING STORM ERUPTED ON **DCIST.COM** AFTER ONE WRITER REVIEWED A MOUNT PLEASANT RESTAURANT, WHICH PRETTY MUCH ALL READERS HATED.

Lovely Liquid Crack

"Wendy's now has Coke Zero available as a fountain drink. Screw you, tasteless Diet Coke! No-calorie nirvana has reached fast-food land! Sugar-free smack on lovely, lovely ice to chase down your buck-ninety-nine chili. ... Wendy, you little red-braided freak child, I love you."

MERUJO.BLOGSPOT.COM IS OBVIOUSLY EXCITED ABOUT WENDY'S NEW SOFT-DRINK OFFERING, COKE ZERO.

"So much for bringing Syria into the fold."

BLOODTHIRSTYLIBERAL.COM THINKS THE UNITED STATES IS LESS LIKELY TO ENGAGE SYRIA IN MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY FOLLOWING TUESDAY'S ASSASSINATION OF LEBANON'S INDUSTRY MINISTER.

TRACY A. WOODWARD/TWP

Britney's Pest

"Cockroaches as very hard to kill once you get them, and I think she's got a Caribbean-sized one on her hands now. [I]t would be cheaper and easier to have him exterminated and buried with other toxic waste than to try to play nice. Trust me on this one."

A **DLISTED.COM** COMMENTER COMPARES KEVIN FEDERLINE TO A COMMON HOUSEHOLD PEST AND SUGGEST THAT BRITNEY SPEARS GO ON THE OFFENSIVE.

A Chicken Obsession

"Hot rotisserie chickens bring me closer in spirit to any dog that's ever drooled on a lap at the dinner table. Once I have one in a filmy plastic shopping bag, I have to head straight for the nearest private place and immediately devour its limbs."

ANDIAMNOTLYINGFORREAL.BLOGSPOT.COM LOVES ROTISSERIE CHICKEN SO MUCH THAT HE LIKES TO EAT THE BONES.

DO

FLOSS. OK, you know that already. But you'll need to get Thanksgiving dinner out from where it's wedged between your teeth somehow, and National Flossing Day is Friday, so all the more reason to do what your dentist says. The National Flossing Council (flossing.org) has some celebrity remarks to get you enthused.

Live Online

Culture Shock

Post staff writer **PAUL FARHI** was online Tuesday at washingtonpost.com to discuss the demise of the O.J. Simpson book deal/TV special and Michael Richards' racist rant.

I'm crushed by Michael Richards' racist remarks. He played a beloved sitcom character who was frenetic yet friendly. I hope the Kramer character or the show is not tarnished by Richards' actions. I am at a loss to understand what brought his tirade on.

Frustration, I guess. One of the theories behind this is that Richards is not a polished professional stand-up. If he had been, he would have known how to handle a heckler. And ask yourself this: Will you be able to watch another "Seinfeld" rerun ever again without thinking just a little bit about this incident whenever Kramer appears? It makes the suspension of disbelief just a little bit harder, I think.

How does O.J. get away with getting book royalties, NFL pension, etc., and not give a dime to cover the costs of the huge civil suit that went against him? Any thoughts on how Bill O'Reilly keeps a straight face when claiming Fox News and Fox entertainment are not related at all?

This is going to sound weird, but I've got to hand it to O'Reilly for at least being an equal-opportunity scold. If he's going to jump on Ludacris for offensive lyrics, he should be all over his corporation's obscenities. But O'Reilly should go the rest of the way. Hey, Bill, ever heard of "Temptation Island"? "Shocking Moments Caught on Tape"? "When Animals Attack," etc., etc.?

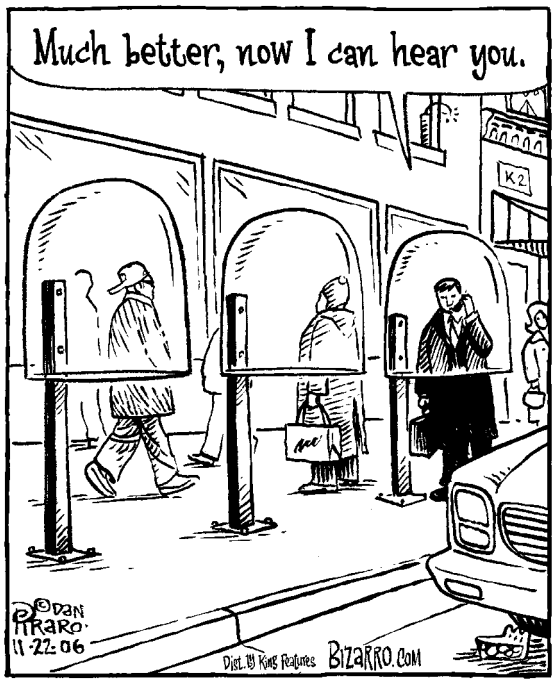
I've heard the copies of the O.J. books are going to be recalled and destroyed, but that many have already shipped. Given their street value, I say good luck trying to get 'em all back. This is going to be a huge eBay payday for somebody. Is it possible to control the profiteering?

No. It's a free market. By the way, we spotted one on the Internet last night selling for $100. That will be a bargain in a few days, I think.

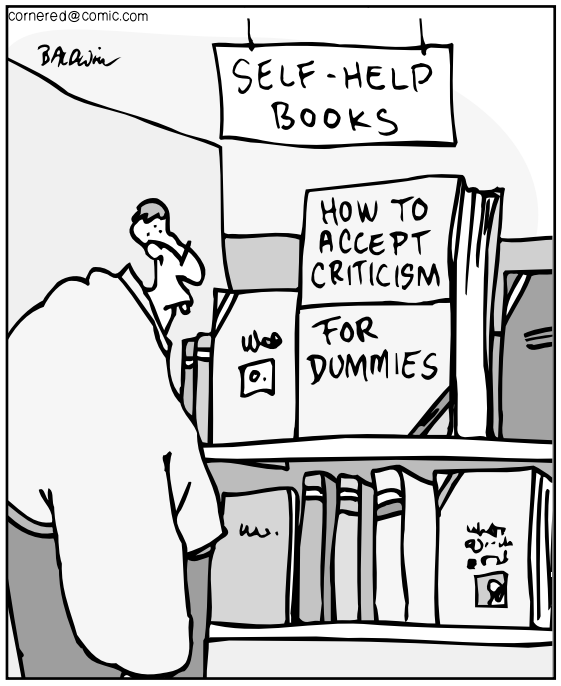
TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Sally Quinn discusses the new washingtonpost.com/Newsweek online forum on religion at noon | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

Look out

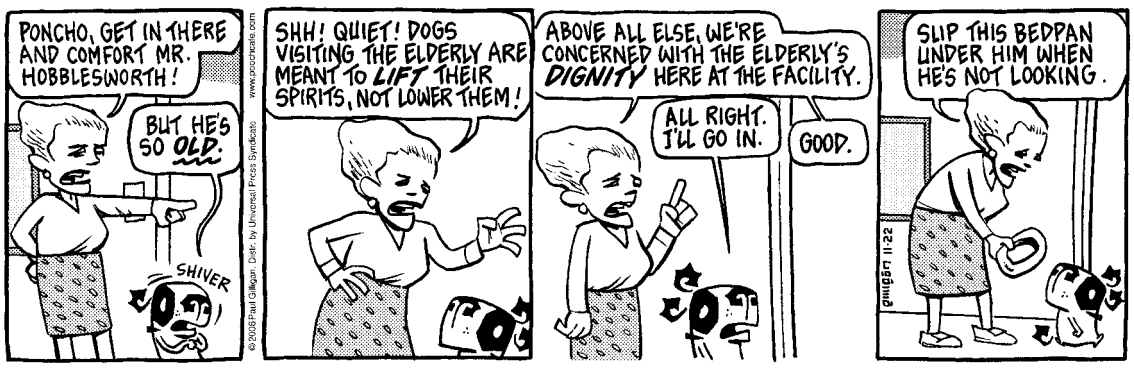
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*



Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*



Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



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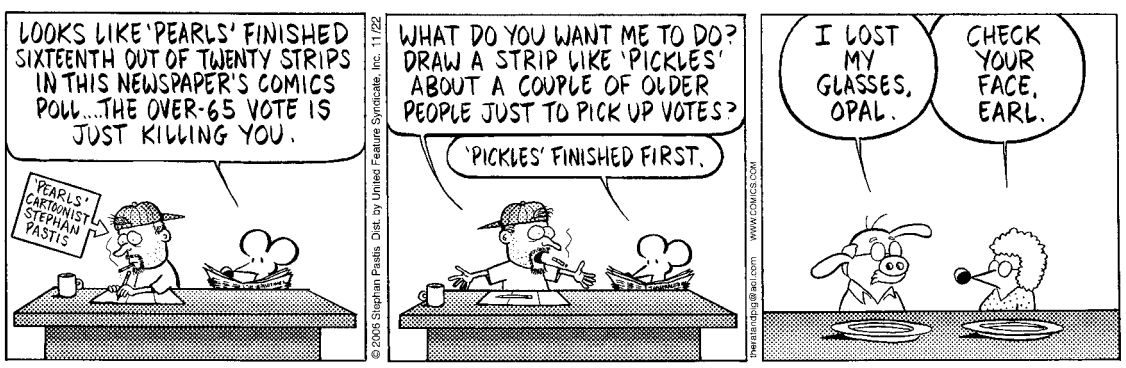

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) With a little help, you can begin pulling down the few walls that remain standing between you and one or two good friends; reaffirm a commitment!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can count on your friends and loved ones more heavily. A partner at the workplace may influence you even at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may score a first of some sort — without really even knowing it! You can trust that all will be clear by day's end.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A revelation may come your way that allows you to accept a new responsibility with greater eagerness and a willingness to excel.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your competitive spirit working for you in a positive vein — but be careful not to let it turn into undue aggression.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Enlightenment can be yours, even though you may not know exactly what lessons you are learning. Before long, a few doors will be opened.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You mustn't overreact to your own ups and downs — which may come with unusual frequency. A healthy working attitude is essential.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're concerned with stability at this time. Today, you'll discover one or two reasons to continue according to plan.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be prepared to take advantage of some unusual opportunities that could increase your income. Financial doors are soon to be opened.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Consider the source before relying too heavily on outside information. Once again, it's time for you to draw your own conclusions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is the day for you to move forward with renewed enthusiasm and vigor — and for reasons that are all your own and sacred to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Try working with those who are usually working against you. In this way, you can turn rivals into supporters in no time at all.

Letters

No 2nd Chance for Michigan

MATT SWENSON ASKS in Tuesday's Swengali about Saturday's Michigan-Ohio State game, "Is there anyone who wouldn't want to see those two titans play again?" Yes: me. I'm amazed at the number of people calling for a rematch when that isn't how college football works. Is Michigan probably the second-best team? Yes. Do they deserve a shot to be No. 1? Absolutely — and they got it, and lost. They shouldn't get two chances to be No. 1 and take away from all of Ohio State's success just because the BCS wants higher ratings.

—MATT STEELE
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1718 English pirate Edward Teach — better known as Blackbeard — is killed during a battle off the Virginia coast.

1935 A flying boat, the China Clipper, takes off from Alameda, Calif., carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight.

1963 President Kennedy is fatally shot while riding in a motorcade in Dallas. Texas Gov. John B. Connally, in the same limousine as Kennedy, is seriously wounded. Suspect Lee Harvey Oswald is arrested

AP

President Kennedy was fatally shot in Dallas, Texas, today in 1963.

1996 O.J. Simpson takes the stand as a hostile witness in the wrongful death lawsuit filed against him, saying it was "absolutely not true" that he killed his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Look out People

AARON HARRIS/AP

K-Fed can't even do a sex tape right.

OOPS

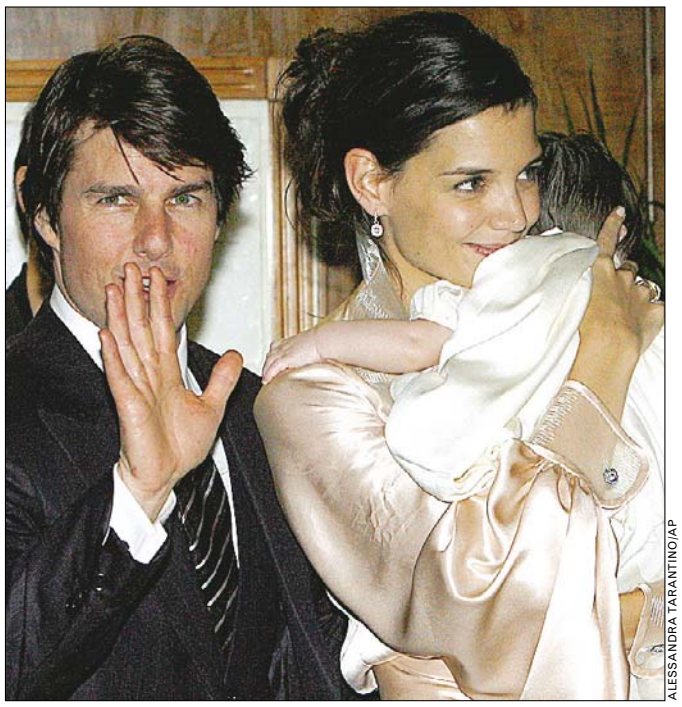
There Was a Sex Tape, Until He Recorded 'The Hills' on It

There is no **KEVIN FEDERLINE**-Britney Spears sex tape, Federline's lawyer said Tuesday. Mark Vincent Kaplan issued the statement in response to "reports rampant in the press and media regarding rumors of alleged attempts by Kevin Federline" to sell a purported sex video. "There is not a sex video of Kevin and Britney in existence," he stated. (AP)

LAWSUITS

Family Sues Grace for Causing Woman's Suicide

Relatives of a missing boy's mother who killed herself after aggressive questioning by **NANCY GRACE** sued Grace Tuesday, claiming she caused emotional distress that led Melinda Duckett to commit suicide Sept. 8. That was a day after Grace's show aired a segment in which Grace grilled Duckett about her whereabouts Aug. 27 — the day 2-year-old Trenton Duckett was reported missing. (AP)



ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/AP

THE HONEYMOON

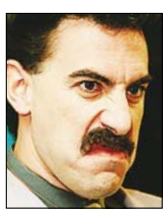
TomKat in Hiding

TOM CRUISE and **KATIE HOLMES** have arrived in the Indian Ocean island chain of the Maldives, a government official said Tuesday. "They have gone to one of the islands, but this is very, very secret," said chief government spokesman Mohamed Hussain Shareef. The couple may face bad weather. "It has been raining heavily the past week," Shareef said. (AP)

FUSSING

Kazakhs Sure Are Litigious!

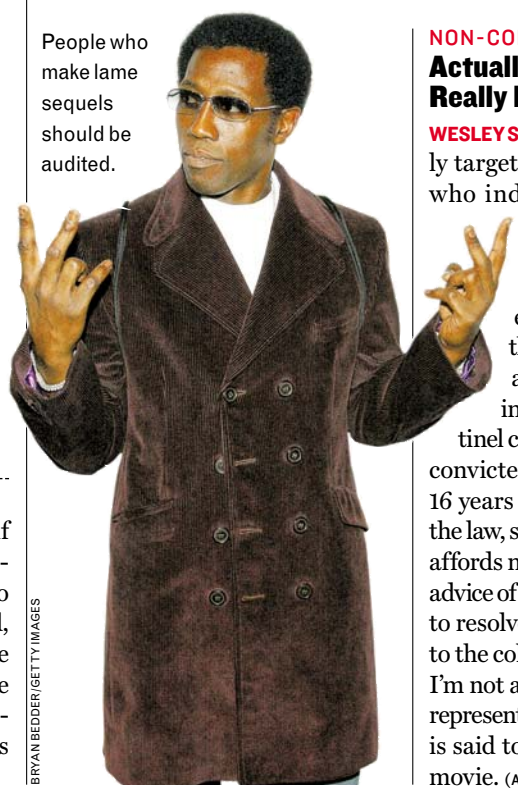
Residents of a remote Romanian village filed a $30 million lawsuit Monday over their depiction in "**BORAT**," accusing the filmmakers of misleading them into thinking the project was a documentary about poverty. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Manhattan on behalf of Nicolae Todorache and Spiridom Ciorebea, two residents of Glod, Romania, where residents were used as stand-ins for Kazakhs in the film. (AP)



MIDDLE EARTH

He Looks Like a Hobbit, But He Won't Direct Them

PETER JACKSON says he will not be directing a movie based on J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit." In a letter posted on theonering.com., Jackson and partner Fran Walsh said an executive from New Line Cinema had called to tell them the studio was moving ahead with "The Hobbit" without him. "Last week, Mark Ordesky called [Jackson's manager] and told him New Line would no longer be requiring our services," the director wrote. The announcement came amid an ongoing dispute over the amount Jackson was paid for "The Fellowship of the Ring." While Jackson hasn't said how much he feels he was underpaid, The New York Times quoted his lawyers as saying it was as much as $100 million. He is suing New Line Cinema. (AP)



People who make lame sequels should be audited.

BRYAN BEDDER/GETTY IMAGES

NON-CONSPIRACY

Actually, the IRS Just Really Loathed 'Blade 3'

WESLEY SNIPES says he's being unfairly targeted by federal prosecutors who indicted him on tax fraud charges. "It appears I'm to be the scapegoat, because there's more public interest in 'celebrities gone bad' than 'rich people being taken advantage of,'" Snipes wrote in an e-mail to Orlando Sentinel columnist Scott Maxwell. If convicted, Snipes, 44, faces up to 16 years in prison. "I will abide by the law, seek the protections the law affords me and, as always, seek the advice of competent council in effort to resolve this issue," Snipes wrote to the columnist. "I'm not running, I'm not a fugitive, despite the misrepresentations in the press." Snipes is said to be in Namibia filming a movie. (AP)

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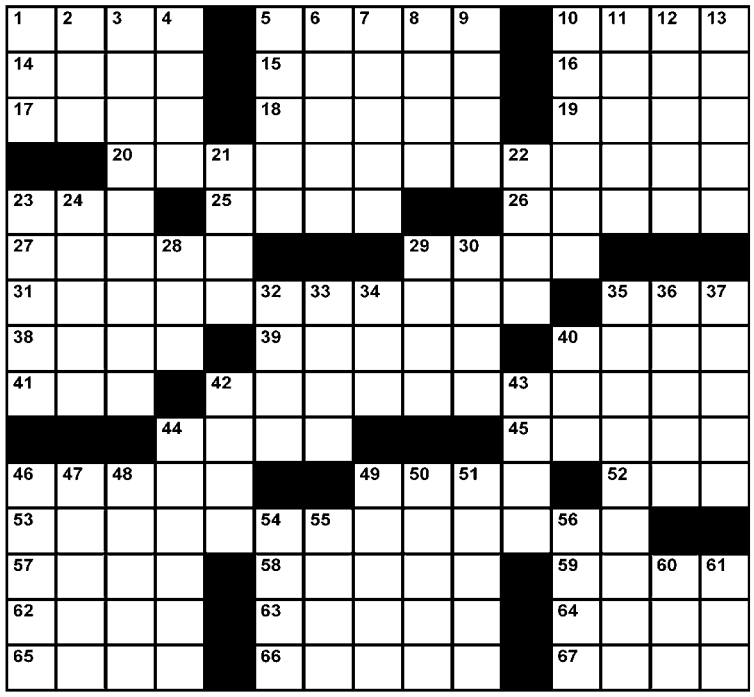

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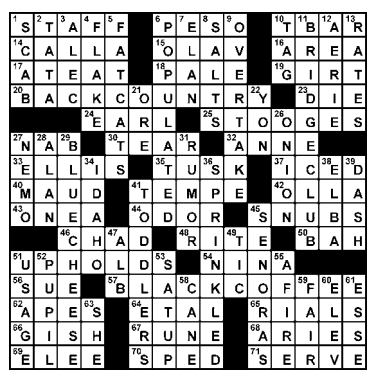

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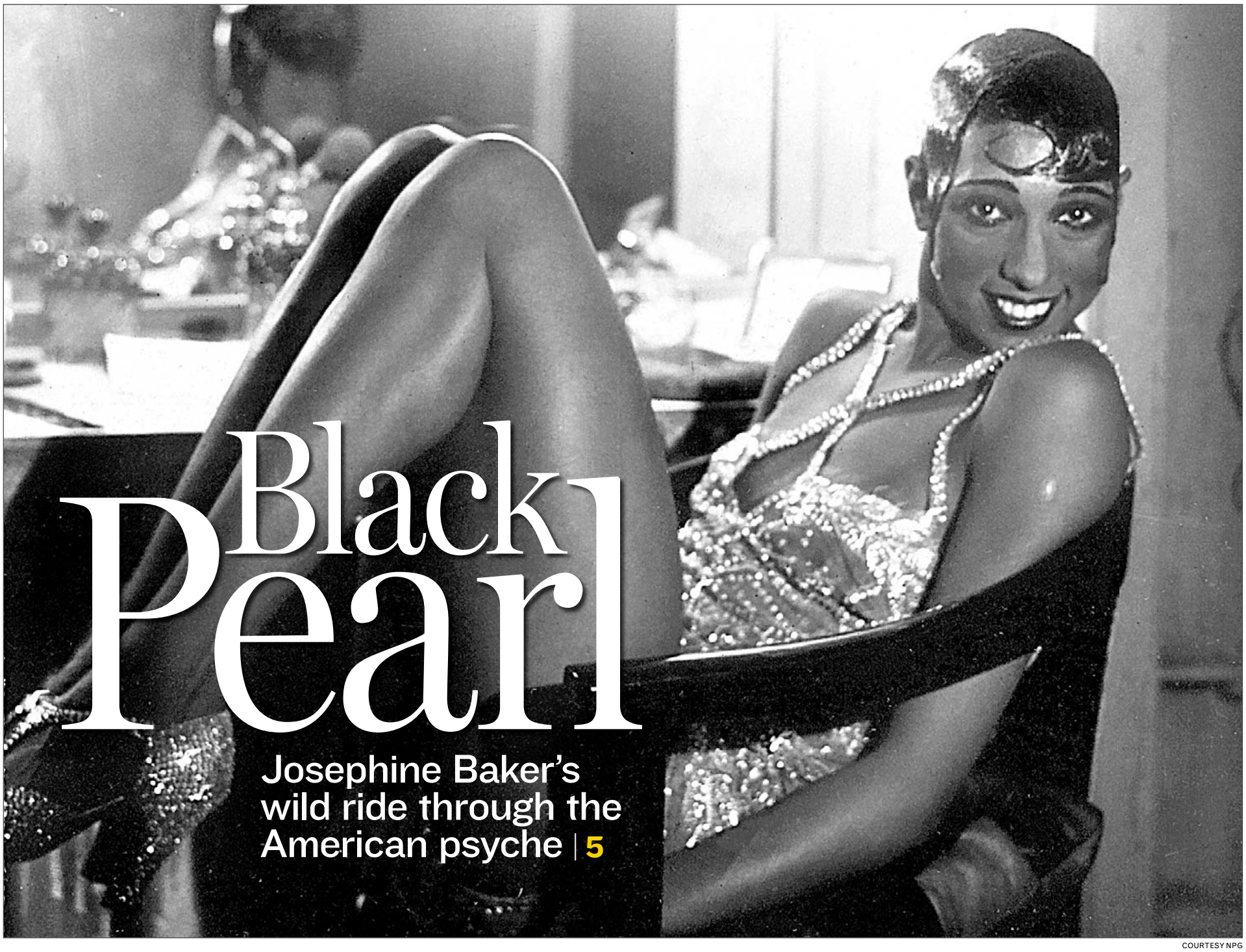

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Josephine Baker's wild ride through the American psyche | 5

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NAME: Ted Meyer
GIG: Artist, creator of the "Scarred for Life" monoprint series

DEFIANT, IMPERTURBABLE, vulnerable, resigned — the poses and faces of the subjects of "Scarred for Life: Mono-Prints of Surgical Scars" run the full human gamut while they are connected by the fact of a disturbance on the surface. Meyer, who himself has dealt with the internal and external scars of Gaucher disease, makes prints of patients' scars rolled in paint, photographs the painted person and notes where on the body the scar is and what the scar is from. The show is as beautiful and optimistic as it is disturbing.

What was it like to refocus from inside to outside?
From the time I was very little, I was in and out of hospitals for years — I used a wheelchair sometimes, as well, and I was on and off crutches. But I continued doing artwork about what had happened to me. But when I got into my late 20s and early 30s, I was pretty healthy. I sort of lost a real focus to aim for.

Meyer

And then I met Joy, the woman in the wheelchair. She was sort of an activist with the disabled community in Los Angeles, and she was always saying stuff like, "Just because you're healthy doesn't mean it's out of your system. You should still be making art about this."

How did you end up doing the scar prints?
It came to me to do prints because I wanted things that were abstract, but at the same time could tell the story a little more literally.

And everyone's affected differently. Like, two people might have the same procedure and have similar scars, but they react to it differently depending on whether they're insecure or how old they were when they had the procedure.

COURTESY TED MEYER

PERFECT: Los Angeles activist Joy first insisted that Meyer tap his own pain.

What's the reaction to the work? Are people freaked out by it?
I get every reaction. Whenever I have shows, people start lifting up their shirts and rolling up their pants legs: "Let me show you what happened to me. Let me show you where I almost died."

> "Whenever I have shows, people start lifting up their shirts and rolling up their pants legs."

It must be weird for you, documenting other people's procedures.
Especially being in L.A., where the cult of the body is. There are women who have made themselves so freakish-looking, between really big boobs that are not on right, plumping up their lips, doing their nose. Somehow we're in a city where that's accepted, and somebody who has a scar down their belly is considered disgusting.
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MUSIC | With a four-octave vocal range, Alice Smith could easily position herself alongside powerhouse divas such as Beyoncé and Mariah Carey and win folks over with melismatic meltdowns. Instead, she opts for a more mature sound by displaying fewer vocal histrionics and strong convictions about her choice of material.

When artists are afforded songs as solid as the ones on Smith's charming debut, "For Dreamers, Lovers and Me," they don't have to over-sing to conceal inferior piffle. Although Smith cites R&B singer Patti Labelle as a major influence, her music recalls the pop magic of Fleetwood Mac. Very similar to Corinne Bailey Rae and Sonya Kitchell, Smith is a "slightly below the radar" breakthrough singer/songwriter, whose popularity is slowly but steadily gaining momentum through word of mouth and spotlights on NPR.

On Wednesday night, the Washington, D.C., native opens for another Washingtonian, folk-rocker Citizen Cope, at the 9:30 Club. Smith's sublime blend of R&B, blues and alternative rock on catchy originals such as "New Religion," "Fake Is the New Real" and "Secrets" will surely entice the audience to give the singer a warm, welcoming homecoming. JOHN MURPH

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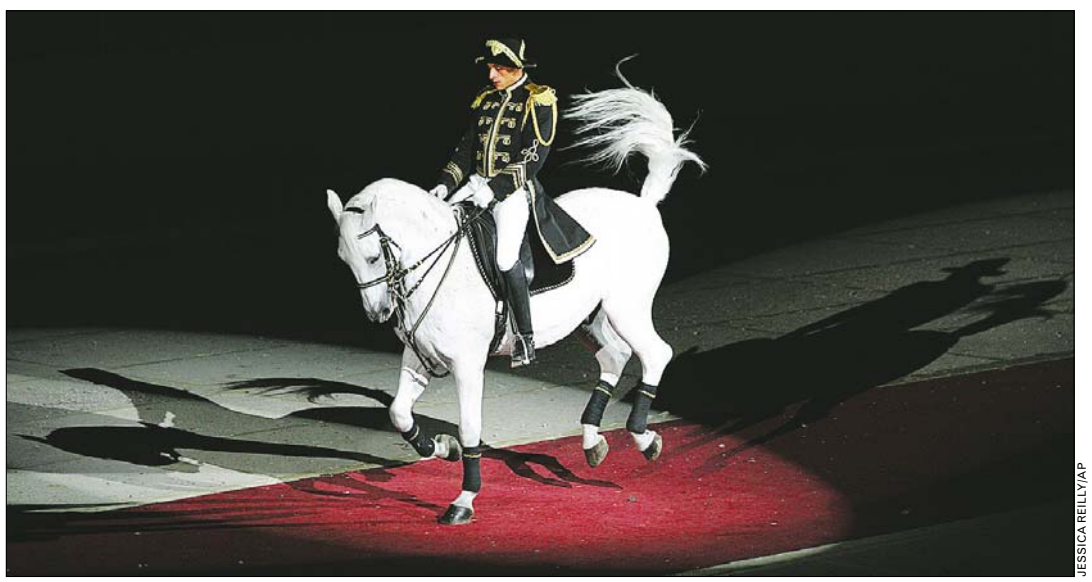

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Born in 1906 and the toast of Europe before the age of 21, Baker was most famous as a dancer, though she was a singer, actress and member of the French Resistance as well. She's often considered the perfect symbol of the Jazz Age and the expatriate

Jazz-Age Madonna

The magic and mythology of Josephine Baker

MUSEUMS | It's been said that she could contort her body in shocking ways. That when she walked or even waddled onto a stage, audiences were captivated.

She was born Freda MacDonald in St. Louis to parents Carrie MacDonald and Eddie Carson. She was a civil rights activist and she served France during World War II. She was a dancer, a comedian, an actress, a mother of 12 adopted children of differing nationalities who she called her "Rainbow Tribe," and an international star. She was Josephine Baker.

And to observe the 100th anniversary of her birth, the National Portrait Gallery honors her life and achievements with "Josephine Baker: Image and Icon."

Opening Friday, this celebration of Baker's contributions to everyday American life visits our nation's capital from her hometown, where it was organized by the Sheldon Art Galleries. Consisting of nearly a hundred pieces chosen from numerous collections, "Image and Icon" explores Baker's desire to transform her public persona.

The young Freda's life was plagued by contradictions. After being abandoned by her parents, she was brought up by a grandmother and an aunt who took her in only because her light skin provided much-welcomed evidence of her Indian heritage. Born into poverty, she spent much of her youth cleaning and baby-sitting in the homes of wealthy white families. Soon, these mounting paradoxes proved too much, and at the age of 13 Freda ran away to join a traveling road show.

Around the same time, the teenager also took a job waiting tables, through which she met Willie Wells, who she was married to briefly. And while it was uncommon for a woman during her time, she remained financially independent and, thus, never hesitated to divorce and remarry again — which she did three more times. Her second marriage to Willie Baker, whose name she decided to keep, gave Freda and the world her alter ego.

This is when "Image and Icon" enters the story of Baker's life. She went on to become a somewhat overnight success in Paris. A corridor filled mostly with posters, prints and sketches by French graphic artist Paul Colin — who helped cement Baker's image — anchors the exhibition halls on either side of it and seems a mini-tribute to Colin's artistic talents as much as to Baker.

From there, the exhibit takes you chronologically through Baker's modes with ephemera (music sheets and programs) and photographs — some blown up to ooh-and-aah sizes one could easily stare at for hours. The more candid photos document her wartime service and provide an honest and satiating glimpse of the woman who seemed to fear nothing except, of course, the usual.

DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

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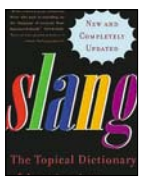

'SLANG'

Wazzup?!

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Regular Guys' Rock

The Hold Steady's take on rock romance and the indie scene

MUSIC | No matter how many times you read it, and no matter how many times the group claims it, the Hold Steady isn't a bar band. That's because bar bands suck. Hard. And despite its Cheap Trick-friendly sound, you won't find the Hold Steady holding court in some dive as middle-aged patrons deal with their crises by getting their beer on to .38 Special covers.

But the Hold Steady might sing about the "My Name Is Earl" crowd, and with empathy, perfectly capturing the desperation that comes from low-paying jobs and low-lying romances that affect middle and Midwestern America. It helps the band's cred that its primaries, vocalist-guitarist Craig Finn and guitarist Tad Kubler, are Minnesota guys, and the North Star State often guest-stars in Hold Steady lyrics.

MARINA CHAVEZ

ROCK 'N' ROLL FOR SMART PEOPLE: The Hold Steady has Minnesota roots and empathy for folks going through hard times.

The Hold Steady is also mighty self-referential, which is why on the quartet's three CDs —"The Hold Steady Almost Killed Me," "Separation Sunday" and the new "Boys and Girls in America" — there are numerous songs about the romance of rock and the politics of the indie scene.

Finn has a voice like the Fall's Mark E. Smith has a voice — that is, he doesn't. But, like Smith, Finn makes the most of what he has by barking clever lyrics in a passionate sing-speak, which helps underline his everyman persona.

Like Bruce Springsteen or the Replacements, the Hold Steady makes rock 'n' roll for smart people who don't necessarily have the means to capitalize on their smarts, because of geography, money or just plain bad luck. Consider the Hold Steady the soundtrack of their lives.

CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sat., 9 p.m., $13 advance, $15 day of show; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)*

Dark Night of the Soul

Carol Reed pointed his camera straight into the human heart

FILM | If passing out in front of the football game or getting in a screaming fight with your obnoxious brother-in-law aren't your first choices for fun, well, there are things to do on Thanksgiving.

On Thursday, AFI Silver kicks off a glorious retrospective of the films of Carol Reed, the British director with a noir-head's eye for composition and a deeply sensitive understanding of the psychology of men. A special one-week engagement of "The Third Man" begins the series, and if you see only one Carol Reed film on the big screen, let it be this ravishing postwar classic.

The 1949 film with a screenplay by Graham Green stars Joseph Cotten as a naive novelist lured to shadowy post-World War II Vienna in search of a lost friend, the enigmatic Harry Lime (Orson Welles). Lime does turn up eventually, trailing a horrifying story of profiteering and Welles' seemingly bottomless pit of sleek menace. The famously haunting zither score is just one of the unusual elements of this atmospheric classic.

COURTESY AFI

MYSTERY MAN: Orson Welles plays the enigmatic Harry Lime in "The Third Man."

Coming weeks bring further treats, which showcase Reed's vast range. He directed Michael Redgrave and Margaret Lockwood in the socially conscious mining drama "The Stars Look Down"; the strange, sad mystery (again with help from Graham Greene) "The Fallen Idol"; the near-verite "The Way Ahead," which follows a British combat unit as it trains to fight Rommel's Afrika Korps; "Odd Man Out," a tough and moody parable of the Irish Republican Army; and even the sprightly smudgy-urchin musical "Oliver!" ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

➜ *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; through Jan. 10; 310-495-6700. (Silver Spring)*

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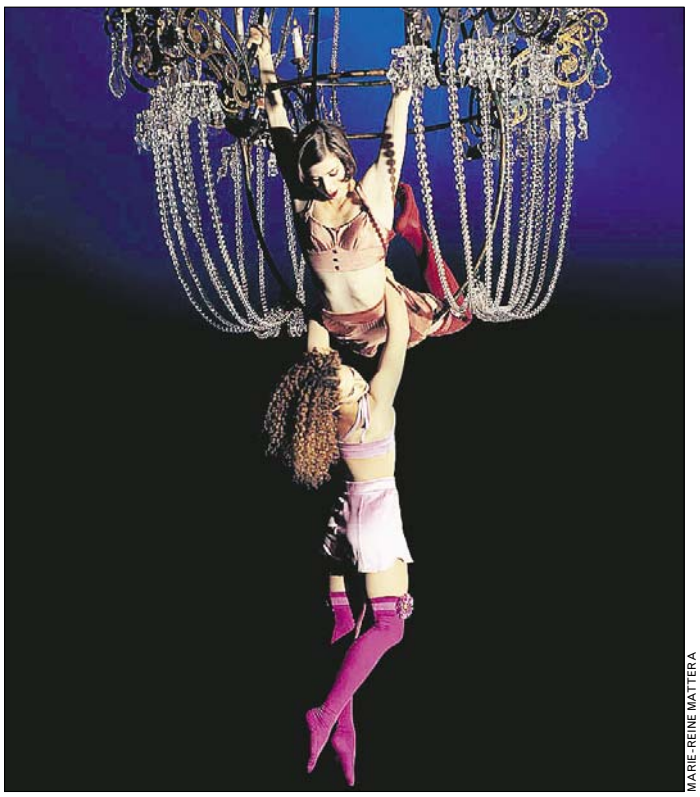

MARIE-REINE MATTERA

PURGATORY'S PRETTY: In Cirque du Soleil's latest show, a clown goes to that big top in the sky. But it's not all tragedy in the afterlife; juggling, high-wire hijinks, dangling and old-school clowning keep the mood playful in this tribute to unusual talents and colorful grotesquerie. "Corteo" takes its final bow this weekend at the site of the old Washington Convention Center.

National Treasures

On Location Tours points out the District's cinematic landmarks

OUT & ABOUT | According to Capitol Hill resident Karen Novak, the Capitol building's 9 million pound dome has been demolished by alien invaders three times. Don't remember when? That's because it all happened in the movies. Novak, a local actress and spirited tour guide, illuminates filmed sites for locals and tourists on Saturdays with On Location Tours. The group recently started a D.C. tour after successful runs with New York City film locales.

These excursions are the brainchild of Georgette Blau, who began her New York junkets after discovering her first Manhattan apartment was near George and Louise Jefferson's sitcom high-rise. The D.C. expedition lasts about three hours in a comfy bus and features more than 30 spots immortalized on film and television. Highlighted locations run the gamut of obvious to rather unlikely. Remember Forrest Gump dashing into the Reflecting Pool on the National Mall in the 1994 blockbuster? Of course. Know the Georgetown spot where Kevin Kline's temp agency was housed before he became president in "Dave"? Probably not.

In case folks have forgotten memorable scenes in flicks such as "National Treasure," "The Sentinel" and "All the President's Men," film clips run on the motorcoach's monitor for a brief refresher course. In addition to the numerous locales, Novak delivers loads of silver screen tidbits that satisfy the film junkie in all of us. For example, even "The X-Files" aficionados might not be aware that Gillian Anderson lost the lead role in the locally shot "Hannibal" partly because she was contractually prohibited from portraying another FBI agent.

MICHELLE REPISO/EXPRESS

THE FATHER, THE SON & THE SCARY GHOST: The Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 3513 N St. NW appeared in "The Exorcist."

Since tour organizers realize only so much can be experienced through a bus window, part of the expedition is spent outside walking in Georgetown. This tony section of the District is home to many prominent locations, including Annette Bening's residence in "The American President" and Vince Vaughn's "Wedding Crashers" bachelor pad. While those sites may excite casual film fans, nothing is more bloodcurdling than the daunting staircase on Prospect and M Streets where Father Karras tumbled to his death in "The Exorcist."

Thank goodness tours are scheduled in the daytime. CRAIG SMITH

➜ *Tours meet at Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave. NE; Saturdays, 2 p.m., $34, advance tickets required; 800-979-3370. (Union Station)*

LIVE HIP-HOP | THAT OLD NEW YORK RAP

MICHEL DUCILLE/TWP

KICKIN' IT OLD SCHOOL: Old rappers don't die; they just come back to play fancier venues. Doug E. Fresh, a potent lyricist and perhaps the greatest human beat box ever, brings his run of '80s hits to the Carnegie Library on Wednesday. 801 K St. NW; with Biz Markie, 9 p.m., $25; 202-785-2068.

Most Blessed Jammers

Robert Randolph started in church but earns a living in clubs

MUSIC | Robert Randolph calls his music "rock-spel," an apt description: He grounds his boisterous pedal-steel guitar licks in the emotional fervor of the black church. "I've always had that rock 'n' roll attitude to playing," he said. "I like having the guitars turned up loud and getting that energy going."

The son of a ministering mother and a father who's a deacon in the church, Randolph may look and sound like a rock star, but gospel — and the Pentecostal House of God Church in Orange, N.J. — still burns in heart. "I constantly try to remind people that I came from the church and still go to church," he said.

BILLBOARD/VNU

What do you get when you cross rock with gospel? Robert Randolph's band.

Randolph and his Family Band got a lot of props for their ecstatic virtuosity not so much in Christian rock but in the loosely defined jam-band scene.

The band's third disc, "Colorblind," finds leaner grooves than on previous recordings and, particularly on the tracks "Angels" and "Diane," memorable melodies. High-profiled special guests such as Leela James, Dave Matthews and Eric Clapton also up the ante.

"A lot of people were pulling for us to step it up to the next level in terms of singing and songwriting," said Randolph. "We're beginning to understand what's it's really like to be in the studio."

A clear indication of the band's pop hook progression is the enthusiastic number "The Thrill of It," the theme song for ABC's "Saturday Night Football."

"We mainly concentrated on writing great songs that when you hear them 40 years from now, they won't sound like they're just something of their time." JOHN MURPH

➜ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri.-Sat., 9 p.m., $35; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

WEDNESDAY

Twenty years ago, two amateur filmmakers named John Heyn and Jeff Krulik took their cameras to what used to be the Capital Centre in Landover, Md., to capture some of the craziness in the parking lot as fans tailgated before that night's concert by leather-clad British rockers Judas Priest. The resulting footage became a documentary called "Heavy Metal Parking Lot." You really need to see this video scrapbook to believe it, so head to the **ARLINGTON CINEMA 'N' DRAFTHOUSE** tonight for the 20th Anniversary Party, hosted by Heyn and Krulik and featuring a screening of the seminal film, live rock by Vollmer and clips from subsequent efforts like "Harry Potter Parking Lot." Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 at the door.

It's grown, it's soulful, it's sponsored by Courvoisier. It's the Positive Black Men's Coalition Night of Elegance. A team of WPGC luminaries led by DJ Flexx and Michelle Wright host the event live on the air as the 25-and-older crowd takes in a full slate of entertainers at the **HYATT REGENCY**. Detroit's Dwele headlines with his smoothed-out street soul. Chuck Brown and Familiar Faces hold down the pocket for the go-go lovers while Soul Sponge covers the jazz angle. Dancing for the rest of the evening will be covered by DJ Storm. Score advance tickets from positiveblackmencoalition.com and make sure your suit is crisp.

Tonight's sweatiest option is sure to be the initial AfroFunk Forum Dance Party at **DC9**, featuring Chopteeth. The massive band — somewhere in the neighborhood of a dozen members — plays everything funky, from Afrobeat to ska to soul, and earns new, devoted fans at each show. Also appearing tonight will be DJ Thick, who spins a mix of Afrobeat and electronic music from around the globe.

Between **BOHEMIAN CAVERNS** and its larger upstairs annex, **LIV**, you could spend your whole week getting entertained at one address. For this Flashback 202 party, you can get the flavor of 2-Tone Jones of AM Radio, Just Bcus and WPFW fame. He's equally likely to select a Just Ice album cut as he is to drop some Isaac Hayes.

THE CLARENDON BALLROOM hosts the Thanksgiving Throwdown, which features cover band Gonzo's Nose and DJ Pat Premier and runs from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The **ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL** welcomes DJ Stereofaith (of the Black Cat's Sorted! Party) for a night of indie rock, Britpop and electro. The 18-and-over bash costs $10.

FRIDAY

You can still catch the members of the FunkDC DJ crew around town, but since the FunkDC four-some left its Thursday-night residency at Bossa, you rarely find two of them on the decks in the same night. That's a real shame, because the diversity of their interests — anything from left-field hip-hop to foreign funk breaks — made for unorthodox, but groovy, evenings. Tonight, catch half the squad at **WONDERLAND** as Kid Gusto and Neil Payne team up with DJ Meistro for Funktion.

SATURDAY

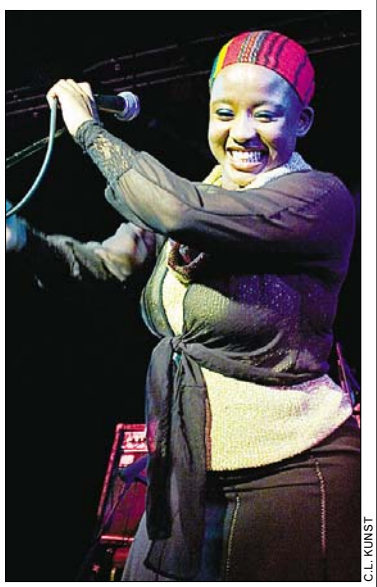
MCFADDEN'S will be shutting down for Thanksgiving day. But for all the college students and young professionals who didn't go home for turkey need a place to party, what better a place than one that offers unlimited Miller Lite for $20, beginning at 9 p.m.? Wooo!

SUNDAY

The New York Dolls were glam rock and proto-punk, laying the foundation for both the Sex Pistols and Poison. The Dolls — well, singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) and guitarist Sylvain Sylvain — recently reformed and will headline the **BLACK CAT** as part of the latest show organized by Little Steven's Underground Garage. Also on the bill are rowdy rockers Supersuckers, who have earned the right to be called one of those bands "you just gotta see live."

JEFF FASANO

OH, YOU BEAUTIFUL DOLLS: Even with the new cast (that's David Johansen, third from right), the Dolls are still New York's rowdiest proto-punk gender benders.


C.L. KUNST

Anna Mwalagho takes a bite out of Afro-funky pop with Chopteeth.

An extended version of "Nightlife Agenda" is available at **washingtonpost.com/cityguide**

Amateur's Fine Hour

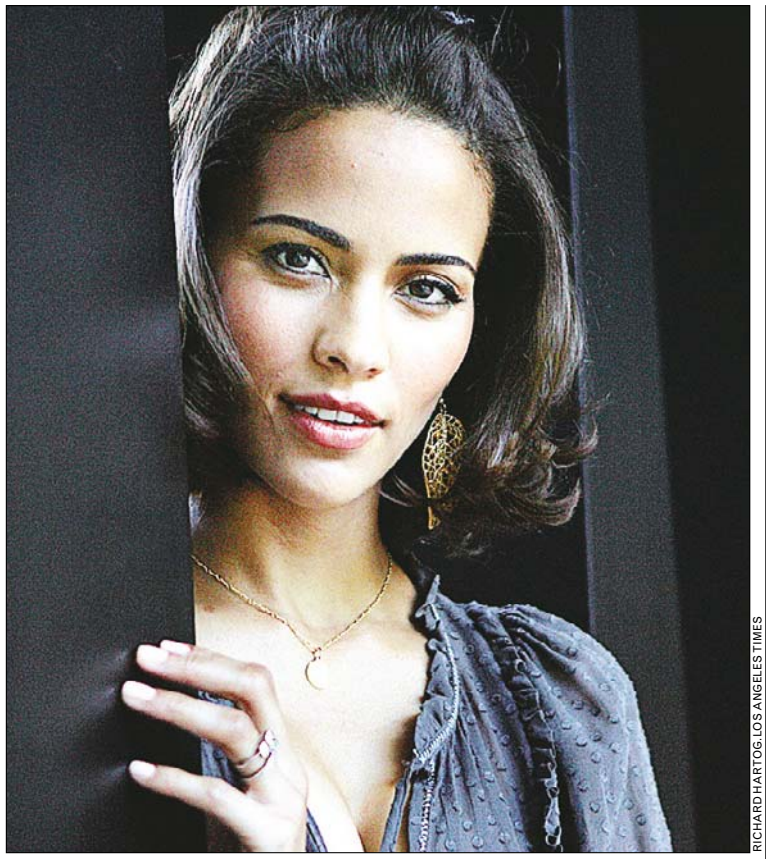
Paula Patton hasn't been acting long, but roles keep finding her

LUCK & SKILL | When Paula Patton first appears in "Deja Vu," her acting is stiff, cold and unresponsive. It's the kind of lifeless performance that could be phoned in by a corpse, but that's exactly what Patton is playing.

Patton ultimately gets to do a lot more than play dead in a New Orleans morgue. In "Deja Vu's" time-travel plot, Patton's Claire Kuchever is very much alive in the rest of the film, as federal agent Doug Carlin (Denzel Washington) tries to protect Kuchever from a domestic terrorist and his plot to blow up a crowded ferry.

Director Tony Scott and screenwriters Bill Marsilii and Terry Rossio ask a lot from Patton: If she's not charismatic and alluring in death, the plot won't click. Carlin essentially has to start falling in love with Kuchever while she's on a slab, so that he's motivated to save her. "I did some of my best work dead," Patton said. "You just hold your breath and concentrate."

Patton, 30, is grateful for receiving this kind of break in a big-budget Jerry Bruckheimer production, which opens on Wednesday, especially since she's been acting for only two years.



RICHARD HARTOG, LOS ANGELES TIMES

LEAP OF FAITH: The "Deja Vu" co-star was trained to work behind the camera.

But she quickly attracted attention. Will Smith's management company represented her, and Patton earned a small part in the actor's "Hitch." Soon thereafter, she was cast as Angel Davenport in the hip-hop musical "Idlewild." In just her second movie, Patton was playing a lead role.

In casting her in "Deja Vu," Bruckheimer was struck by an audition that seemed impossibly natural. "You didn't see the wheels turning," Bruckheimer said. "You didn't see the acting. There are no limits for her."

Does Patton worry about waiting so long to figure out what she would do when she grew up?

"I have no regrets," Patton said. Echoing the theme of "Deja Vu," she added, "I really believe everything was meant to be."

JOHN HORN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Happy Feet

Anyone watching this computer-animated flick about an adorable tap-dancing penguin named Mumble is going to flip. DESSON THOMSON

2 Casino Royale

Reinventing James Bond as a kind of Navy SEAL with an attitude problem, "Casino Royale" turns out to be cracking good entertainment and a fresh start. STEPHEN HUNTER

3 Borat: Cultural Leanings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan

No petard goes unhoisted as Kazakh journalist Borat cuts his wide and occasionally vicious swath through the U.S. ANN HORNADAY

4 The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause

This sequel, which re-stars Tim Allen and 40 pounds of phony belly, has an almost criminal lack of invention or charm. STEPHEN HUNTER

WARNER BROS.

COOL BEANS: Mumble gets "Happy Feet" knowing he's in the country's No. 1 film.

5 Flushed Away

The first computer-generated cartoon from Aardman Animations is shot through with cheeky wit and hilarious musical numbers. ANN HORNADAY

6 Stranger Than Fiction

This film is supposed to be about Harold Crick (Will Ferrell) and the authorial voice in his head. But the filmmakers are more interested in a lightweight romance. DESSON THOMSON

7 Babel

A sophisticated piece of filmmaking, but Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's construction of four intersecting stories seems hamstrung by the banality at its center. STEPHEN HUNTER

8 Saw III

A weird amalgam of disturbing gore and artiness, this sequel is essentially another hack job, setting you up for "Saw 4." DESSON THOMSON

9 The Departed

A deranged wit runs through this film, which finds Martin Scorsese again exploring the ritualized aggression of an American subculture. ANN HORNADAY

10 The Queen

Stephen Frears' tragicomedy about a public relations crisis at Buckingham Palace when Elizabeth II learns of Princess Diana's death is quite entertaining. DESSON THOMSON

Indies & Arties

'He Who Gets Slapped'

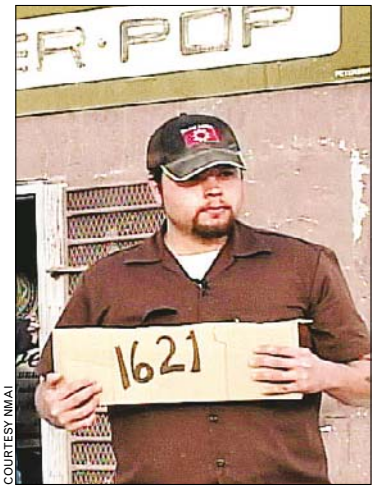
Lon Chaney stars in this 1924 Victor Sjöström film version of a Russian symbolist play from 10 years earlier. His role is deeply metaphorical, as he plays both a betrayed scientist and a put-upon clown called He Who Gets Slapped. Andrew Simpson adds to the atmosphere with live piano accompaniment. The National Gallery of Art's Sjöström festival continues through the end of the year with the Swedish director's best-known films and some exquisite fragments.

→ *National Gallery of Art, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; Sun., free; 202-842-6799. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*

'The Fountain'

Director Darren Aronofsky's long-awaited sci-fi romance opens on Wednesday, which may provide a respite for arty film-lovers who can't bear to face popcorn-strewn floors and diabolical serial killers on this family-friendly weekend. "The Fountain" involves a love that spans the centuries, a questing conquistador, a modern-day scientist and a 26th-century astronaut.

→ *E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; 202-452-7672. (Metro Center)*



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A still from "White Clay," a short film from "Thanksgiving Revisited."

'Thanksgiving Revisited'

The NMAI's film series offers a fresh look at this holiday and a link to Americans' past. "Thanksgiving Revisited: Short Films by Native Youth" brings together very short films (two minutes each) by young people of First Nation ancestry. The movies explore their personal takes on Thanksgiving specifically, on giving thanks in general and being descended from the other half of the holiday equation.

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After a Thanksgiving day inside, it's good to get out — and drink

DINING | After spending a hectic Thanksgiving Day with eccentric relatives, a post-meal barhop may be the ideal way to cap off the holiday.

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End the evening in an übercivilized manner by stopping by for a nightcap at the Willard InterContinental's Round Robin Bar. Manager Jim Hughes recommends coming in for the Sazerac — an old-timey drink made with bourbon, Pernod and bitters. Thought to be the first cocktail, the drink was concocted in New Orleans' French Quarter in the 1830s by Creole pharmacist Antoine Peychaud. Hughes also recommends a champagne cocktail as a digestif, as well as a Peg (a pink gin with bitters). The Round Robin Bar is open from noon until midnight.

➜ *The Round Robin Bar at the Willard InterContinental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 202-637-7405. (Metro Center)*

Sports Night

If hanging out, watching games and drinking a beer or two trumps the fancy cocktail option, the Front Page is one of the few bars in the area open during the day, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. With four big-screen TVs tuned to one of several games you'd hope to watch, the bar serves Sam Adams Seasonal, Guinness, Front Page Ale and Sierra Nevada as well as Bud and Miller-type brews on special. Give them a ring to accommodate a group.

The Mad Hatter on M Street opens just before the Front Page wraps up, with beer specials all night and 10 TVs tuned to football, football and football. Postgame, revelers can get their groove on to a DJ and karaoke until 1:30 a.m.

➜ *The Front Page, 1333 New Hampshire Ave. NW, 202-296-6500. (Dupont Circle)*

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The Scene

Sound

THURSDAY

Apex: College Night with DJ Randy White, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., $5, free with college ID.
Bohemian Caverns: Stock 13 dance party, 9 p.m., $10.
Crossroads: Destra Garcia, Maximus Dan, 10 p.m., $20.
DC9: Leslie Hall, 9 p.m., $7.
Five: Static Age: DJs Steve EP, Stereo Faith, Killa K., Krasty McNasty, 9 p.m., $8 (free before 10 p.m.).
Love: College Night, 9 p.m., $10.
9:30 Club: Brazilian Girls, Christine Mortitz, 9 p.m., $25.
Palladium: One Night Stand, 9 p.m., $10 (ladies free with Internet pass).
Platinum: DJs QicSilver, Smokey Joe & José, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.
Zanzibar: Familiar Faces, Soul Sponge, 8 p.m., $15.

FRIDAY

Apex: DJ Alex Cohen, VJ Mark Hawkins, Karaoke with Gladys Kravitz, 9 p.m., $8.
Birchmere: The Seldom Scene, Dry Branch Fire Squad, 7:30 p.m., $25.
Black Cat: Army of Me, Moneypenny, the Alternate Routes, 9 p.m., $10. Sheebop: '80s alternative dance night, DJ Melli Mel, 9:30 p.m., $5 (backstage).
Blues Alley: Alex Bugnon, 8 & 10 p.m., $30.
Bohemian Caverns: Young Lions, 9 p.m., $10.
Crossroads: Escape Fridays, 9 p.m., $10.
DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $5.
Iota: The Timothy Bracken Complex, 9:30 p.m., $10.
Jammin' Java: The Getaway Car, the Niki Barr Band, Kill the Alarm, 8 p.m., $10.
Jaxx: Steelheart, Bloodlines, Twist of Fate, 8 p.m., $20 ($17 in advance).
Kennedy Center: The Reunion Blues, 6 p.m., free. NSO Pops: Strike Up the Band: A Gershwin Brothers Celebration, Marvin Hamlisch (conductor) 1:30 & 7 p.m., $20-$80.
Love: Shareefa, 9 p.m., $20.
Mirrors: The Lissen Band, Yanni and Mike, the Crossover Band, 8 p.m., free (before 10 p.m. with Internet pass).
9:30 Club: Robert Randolph & the Family Band, 9:45 p.m., $35.
Platinum: College Fridays, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.
The Red and the Black: Sacriforce: Adonis Decay, Another Side of Silence, 9:30 p.m., free.
Rock and Roll Hotel: The Summer Obsession, Test Your Reflex, New Years Day, A Papier Mache Monster, 5:30 p.m., $10-$12. Monument Snowboards Team DVD Showing: Official, Liar's Academy, Olympia, DJ Jim, 9 p.m., $10.
Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: Latin Jazz Night: The Palenke Music Company, 6 p.m., $10.
State Theatre: The Nighthawks, Hubert Sumlin, 9 p.m., $16 ($13 in advance).
Wolf Trap, the Barns: The Grandsons, 8 p.m., $16.

SATURDAY

Apex: Apex Follies: Drag show hosted by Kristina Kelly, DJ Mark Hawkins, VJ Steve Rosa, 10:30 p.m., $8.
Black Cat: The Hold Steady, the Big Sleep, Statehood, 9 p.m., $15 ($13 in advance). Bliss Dance Party: DJ Will Eastman, 9 p.m., $6 (backstage).
Blues Alley: Alex Bugnon, 8 & 10 p.m., $30.
Bohemian Caverns: Keith Ailer Quartet, 9 p.m., $10.
Chick Hall's Surf Club: Bobby Radcliff, 9 p.m., $15.
Crossroads: The Overstanding Tour: Sizzla, 10 p.m., $20.
DC9: Nouveau Riche: A Dance Party, 9 p.m., $5.
Five: M3 Music: Music Makes Magic dance night, 9 p.m., $10.
Iota: These United States, Paleo, 9:30 p.m., $10.
Jammin Java: Politicks, Lionize, Jackie Gino, 8 p.m., $10.
Jaxx: Madera, So Damn Thirsty, Diegression, III Angelic, Dead on Impact, Fall of Dawn, Leviathan, Guardians of Iridescence, 3:15 p.m., $11 ($10 in advance).
Kennedy Center: The Charles Bubeck Quartet, 6 p.m., free. NSO Pops: Strike Up the Band: A Gershwin Brothers Celebration, Marvin Hamlisch (conductor), 8 p.m., $20-$80.
Lime Club: Rare Essence, 9 p.m., $10-$25 (ladies free before midnight with internet pass).
Love: Hip-hop, International, Old Skool, A Moe & Fito Exclusive, 9 p.m., $10.
9:30 Club: Robert Randolph & the Family Band, 9:45 p.m., $35.
Platinum: Hip-hop, reggaeton, club mix, 9 p.m., $15.
The Red and the Black: Stamen & Pistils, Over the Atlantic, Beach House, 9:30 p.m., $8.
Rock and Roll Hotel: The Sounds, Washington Social Club, Soft Complex, 9 p.m., $15-$17.
State Theatre: Supermerka2, tktktktk.
Strathmore: National Philharmonic: The Russians Are Coming, 8 p.m., $49-$79.
Twins Jazz: The Allyn Johnson Trio, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.
Twins Lounge: Felicia Carter, 9 & 11 p.m., $12.
Wolf Trap, the Barns: John Eaton: The Roaring Twenties, 7:30 p.m., $25.
Zanzibar: Traffik: Shurwayne Winchester and the Sunshine Band, 9 p.m., $20.

SUNDAY

Bangkok Blues: Mark Mandel's Allstar Blues Jam with Acme Blues, 8 p.m., free.
Black Cat: New York Dolls, Supersuckers, the Chesterfield Kings, the Charms, the Hall Monitors, 8 p.m., $20.
Blues Alley: Alex Bugnon, 8 & 10 p.m., $30.
Chick Hall's Surf Club: Blues Jam, 4 p.m., free.
Crossroads: Dancehall Sunday: Jason Steele, Andy G, Jet Lee, Steelie Basement, 10 p.m., $10.
DC9: For the Taking, Vagus, Live Alien Broadcast, 9 p.m., $8.
Five: Trade, 9 p.m., $8.
Jaxx: A Day to Remember, A Heartwell Ending, We Are the Sky, Adalya, Fatal Exit, A Time to Mourn, 4:30 p.m., $10 ($12 in advance).
Kennedy Center: Corina Bartra, 6 p.m., free. P.G. County Public Schools: Edward M. Felegy Concert, 3 p.m., $12-$23.
9:30 Club: Reel Big Fish, Streetlight Manifesto, Suburban Legends, Westbound Train, 4:30 p.m., $20. Peaches and Herms, Mr. Quintron, Miss Pussycat & Whitey, 10 p.m., $18.
Phish Tea Cafe: Heaven Sent Band, 7 p.m., $10.
Platinum: DJs Alizay, Trini & Superslice-Muzik Nashun spin hip-hop, reggae and R&B, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.
Strathmore: National Philharmonic: Christmastime with Michael W. Smith, 7 p.m., $45-$80.
Verizon Center: The Dirty South Invasion: TI, Lil Wayne, Rick Ross, Young Dro, Jim Jones, DJ Unk, 6 p.m., $43-$58.

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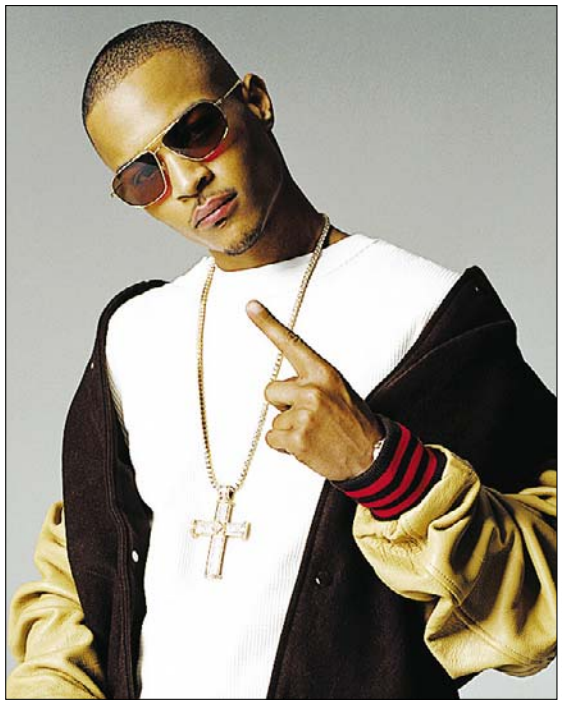

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Hip-Hop Goes South

WHEN CHART-TOPPING emcees T.I., Yung Joc, Rick Ross, Young Dro, Lil' Wayne and Jim Jones perform at the Verizon Center, you'd better recognize them by sight or by their hits, because it won't be easy tell them apart by their songs' subject matter. Self-aggrandizing yarns of ultra-violence and massive wealth — as exemplified by Sunday's "Dirty South Invasion," living proof the South has risen again, and is rolling in a Navigator — have been de rigeur in commercial hip-hop for more than a decade and, as T.I. et al recently cleaned up at BET's Hip-Hop Awards, will probably be for years to come. TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS) *Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; Sun., 6 p.m., $43-$58; 800-551-7328. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

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Blues Alley: 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.
Bohemian Caverns: 2001 11th St. NW; 202-299-0801.
Chick Hall's Surf Club: 4711 Kenilworth Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-6310.
Crossroads: 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-1056.
DC9: 1940 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.
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Lime Club: 1824 Half St. SW; 202-479-2222.
Love: 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030.
Mirrors: 33 New York Ave. NE; mirrorsdc.com.
9:30 Club: 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.
Palladium: 2135 Queens Chapel Rd. NE; 202-669-0001.
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Adamson Gallery: "Kelly Towles: I Call Shotgun," the artist's hip, tricky paintings, through Dec. 9. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-232-0707, adamsongallery.com.

Alex Gallery: "In Silence Dreams Are Hidden," Finnish painter Hannu Palosou. Maciek von Ato's "What You Don't See." "Garden Journal XIV," handmade paper flowers and vegetables by Ann Zahn, all through Nov. 30. 2106 R St. NW; 202-667-2599, alexgalleries.com.

American Painting: "Arrangements in Focus: New Still Life Paintings," by Barbara Nuss, through Dec. 31. 5118 MacArthur Blvd. NW; 202-244-3244, classicamericanpainting.com.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Two Hundred Years of Black Paper Dolls: The Collection of Arabella Grayson," tracing social change through paper dolls; "D.C. Undercover: Photographs by Steven M. Cummings," citizens of the District wearing caps and hats, through April 29. "Banding Together: Public School Bands as Instruments of Opportunity," through May. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.

Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery: "The Song of Songs: The Honeybee in the Garden," illuminated manuscripts by artist and scribe Debra Band, through Jan 31. 1529 16th St. NW; 202-518-9400, washingtondcjcc.org.

BlackRock Center for the Arts: "A Phenomenon of Nature," glass sculpture by Syl Mathis, Michael Janis and Tim Tate, through Dec. 29. 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown; 301-528-2260, blackrockcenter.org.

Conner Contemporary Art: "Origin," digital light sculpture by Leo Vilareal, through Dec. 22. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750, connercontemporary.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Contemporary (Re)defined," the museum's largest contemporary exhibit, through Jan. "The Paradise Institute," a film and multimedia installation by Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller, through Jan. 14. "Joan of Arc," the French icon as seen through lenses of society, politics and culture, through Jan. 21. "Sight/Insight: Photographs From the Permanent Collection," through Jan. 31. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

Curator's Office: "To Beat the Devil: Jason Hughes," conceptual works in diverse media, through Dec. 30. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008, curatorsoffice.com.

District Fine Arts: "Inclement Weather," paintings by Melchus Davis, through Dec. 13. 1726 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-328-9100, dfaonline.com.

District of Columbia Arts Center: "Exchange: Richmond @ D.C.," a micrcosm of Richmond's vibrant, eclectic and layered arts communities, through Dec. 10. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

Elizabeth Stone Gallery: "Reach Out and Read/Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children Anniversary Exhibit," the work of five artists and illustrators, through Dec. 2. 1127 King St., Suite 201, Alexandria; 703-706-0025, elizabethstonegallery.com.

EWI A Woman's Story Gallery: "Reflections," oils on canvas by Israeli-American Regina Margarita Barker-Barzel, through Dec. 16. Exit Signature Reality, 1307 King St., Alexandria; 703-778-6310, ewint.org.

LAST CHANCE Flashpoint: "Me, You & Those Other Folks," A.B. Miner, Ian Jehle and Nekisha Durrett examine the artist's point of view in portraiture, through Wed. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310,

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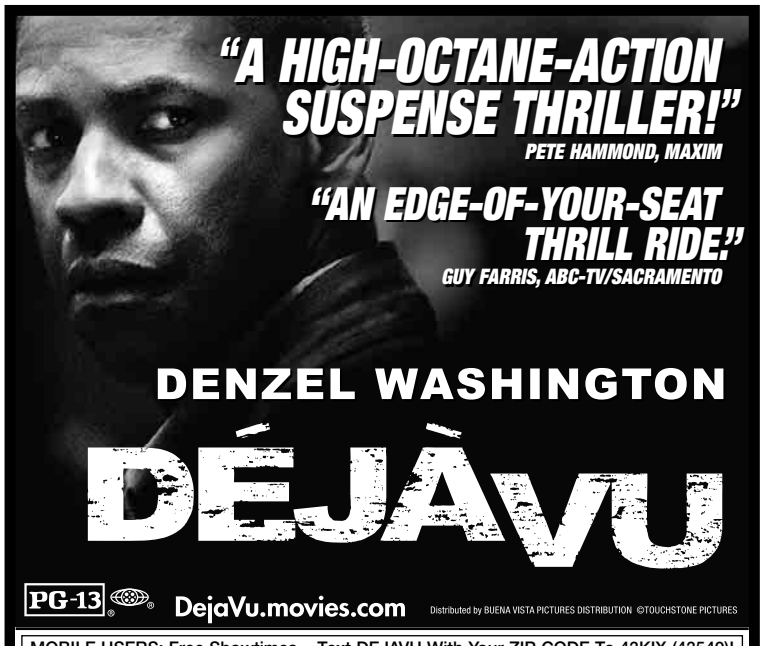

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LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) - ID REQ'D 930
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG ★ (100 425) 725 800 1045
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG ★ (1130 1245 205 400 440) 700 950
STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG-13) DIG (130 445) 745 1030
FLUSHED AWAY (PG) (1225 235 500) 720
BORAT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 240 455) 750 1005
SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) DIG (1140 210 505) 755 1035
BABEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1255 355) 705 1025

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Adv. Tix on Sale THE NATIVITY STORY (PG) ★
DEJA VU (PG-13) DIG (1100 1140 1230 200 300 400 500) 645 730 800 950 1030
DECK THE HALLS (PG) DIG (1110 1200 145 230 420 510) 720 1000
FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (PG-13) (1210 220 440) 740 955
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 150 410) 725 940
BORAT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1120 210 430) 710 750 930 1010
BABEL (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 310) 650 1015
THE PRESTIGE (PG-13) DIG (350) 1020
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220) 700

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Adv. Tix on Sale BOBBY (R) - ID REQ'D ★
DEJA VU (PG-13) DIG (1230 130 400 500) 715 800 1030 1100
DECK THE HALLS (PG) DIG (130 420) 700 945
TENACIOUS D IN: PICK OF DESTINY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 220 500) 730 1000
THE FOUNTAIN (PG-13) DIG (1210 240 510) 740 1010
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1200 330) 700 745 1015 1100
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG ★ (1130 1230 200 315 440) 710 950
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1150 230 450) 750 1010
STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG-13) DIG (1245 430) 715 1015
FLUSHED AWAY (PG) DIG (1130 150 415) 645 930
BORAT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 240 520) 800 1035
SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) DIG (1135 210 445) 720 955
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 345) 710 1025

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Adv. Tix on Sale BOBBY (R) - ID REQ'D ★
THE FOUNTAIN (PG-13) DIG (1105 130 400) 715 940
TENACIOUS D IN: PICK OF DESTINY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1145 245 515) 800 1025
DECK THE HALLS (PG) DIG (1115 200 500) 730 1000
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 915
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1200 1245 330 415) 700 745 1015 1045
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG ★ (1100 1130 145 215 430 500) 800 1030
STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 645 930
OC & DA: FLUSHED AWAY (PG) DIG (1130) 645
BORAT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1145 215 445) 730 940
FLUSHED AWAY (PG) DIG (200 430)
SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) DIG (1100 145 415) 715 935
BABEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 325) 630 950
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 815
DEJA VU (PG-13) DIG (1200 100 345 445) 700 745 1010 1045

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Adv. Tix on Sale BOBBY (R) - ID REQ'D ★
DECK THE HALLS (PG) DIG (1120 145 420) 725 945
DEJA VU (PG-13) DIG (1140 1215 250 320) 645 730 940 1030
THE FOUNTAIN (PG-13) DIG (1205 225 455) 750 1010
TENACIOUS D IN: PICK OF DESTINY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 205 440) 740 1005
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1135 150 410) 755 1010
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1230 340) 640 710 955 1025
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG ★ (1115 1200 155 310 435) 715 950
STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG-13) DIG (1250 350) 650 935
FLUSHED AWAY (PG) DIG (1150 215 425) 735 1015
BORAT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 245 500) 800 1020
SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) DIG (100 330) 700 930
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DEJA VU (PG13) ✓ 10:35, 11:40, 2:00, 2:35, 5:00, 6:00, 8:00, 9:00, 11:15, 12:15
THE FOUNTAIN (PG13) ✓ 10:10, 12:35, 3:20, 5:55, 8:30, 11:00
TENACIOUS D IN THE PICK OF DESTINY (R) ✓ 10:05, 12:40, 3:25, 5:55, 8:35, 11:20
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) ✓ 10:00, 11:00, 1:15, 2:15, 4:45, 5:45, 8:15, 9:15, 11:50, 12:30
HAPPY FEET (PG) ✓ 10:15, 11:00, 1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:15, 9:10, 10:00
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) ✓ 10:25, 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40, 12:55
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) [DVS] [CC] ✓ 10:25, 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40, 12:55
A GOOD YEAR (PG13) 11:40, 2:25
STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13) 12:15, 3:05, 5:50, 8:45, 11:30
BORAT (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:35, 5:30, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:30, 11:55, 12:45
FLUSHED AWAY (PG) 11:15, 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:05
THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55
SAW III (R) 11:55, 2:30, 5:35, 8:20, 10:55
THE PRESTIGE (PG13) 10:30, 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
THE DEPARTED (R) 11:50, 3:50, 7:35, 11:05

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FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (PG13) ✓ 11:20, 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20, 11:45
FAST FOOD NATION (R) ✓ 11:10, 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05, 12:40
THE QUEEN (PG13) 11:05, 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20

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DEJA VU (PG13) ✓ 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
TENACIOUS D IN THE PICK OF DESTINY (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:10
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:20
HAPPY FEET (PG) ✓ 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) ✓ 4:20, 10:20
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BORAT (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
FLUSHED AWAY (PG) 12:50, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
THE DEPARTED (R) 12:40, 7:00

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DEJA VU (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
TENACIOUS D IN THE PICK OF DESTINY (R) ✓ 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) ✓ 1:05, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20
HAPPY FEET (PG) ✓ 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
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BABEL (R) 12:30, 3:35, 6:40, 9:45

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DEJA VU (PG13) ✓ 1:55, 4:55, 7:50, 10:50
THE FOUNTAIN (PG13) ✓ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
TENACIOUS D IN THE PICK OF DESTINY (R) ✓ 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45
HAPPY FEET (PG) ✓ 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
A GOOD YEAR (PG13) 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13) [CC] 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
BORAT (R) 12:10, 1:10, 2:25, 3:25, 4:40, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20
THE PRESTIGE (PG13) 3:20, 10:10
THE DEPARTED (R) 12:05, 6:45

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FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (PG13) ✓ 12:50, 3:35, 5:50, 8:15, 10:25
BABEL (R) 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:35
THE QUEEN (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55

LOEWS LEXINGTON PARK 6
21882 FDR Boulevard
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DECK THE HALLS (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
DEJA VU (PG13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:15, 10:15
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 12:00, 3:30, 6:50, 10:00
HAPPY FEET (PG) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
BORAT (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
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DECK THE HALLS (PG) ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
DEJA VU (PG13) ✓ 1:15, 2:05, 4:20, 5:10, 7:20, 8:10, 10:20, 11:10
THE FOUNTAIN (PG13) ✓ 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:35
TENACIOUS D IN THE PICK OF DESTINY (R) ✓ 2:20, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 3:15, 6:00, 6:45, 9:30, 10:15
HAPPY FEET (PG) ✓ 1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:15, 9:10, 10:00
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) ✓ 2:10, 7:50
A GOOD YEAR (PG13) 12:05, 2:55, 5:35
THE RETURN (PG13) 12:35, 2:50, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13) 2:25, 5:05, 7:55, 10:45
BORAT (R) 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30
FLUSHED AWAY (PG) 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 9:55
THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:40
THE PRESTIGE (PG13) 10:25 PM
THE DEPARTED (R) 4:25, 10:05

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FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 2:45, 4:55, 7:25, 9:35
BABEL (R) 1:05, 4:15, 7:35, 10:40

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
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DECK THE HALLS (PG) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25
DEJA VU (PG13) 10:30, 11:40, 1:20, 2:40, 4:10, 5:40, 7:10, 8:40, 10:10, 11:30
THE FOUNTAIN (PG13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
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CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 12:50, 4:20, 7:35, 10:50
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LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) 10:35 PM
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THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 11:00, 1:40, 4:00, 6:20, 8:45, 11:05
SAW III (R) 11:10, 2:05, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
THE PRESTIGE (PG13) 12:05, 7:00
THE DEPARTED (R) 3:25, 9:55

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BABEL (R) 12:10, 3:20, 6:50, 10:00

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
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THE FOUNTAIN (PG13) 4:30, 7:20
A GOOD YEAR (PG13) 5:10, 7:45
SAW III (R) 4:40, 7:30
FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) 4:50, 7:40
THE PRESTIGE (PG13) 4:10, 7:00

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MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG13) 4:20, 7:10
THE QUEEN (PG13) 5:00, 7:50

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
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DECK THE HALLS (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05
DEJA VU (PG13) 12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00
THE FOUNTAIN (PG13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:00, 7:20, 9:55
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 12:35, 3:40, 6:50, 10:00
HAPPY FEET (PG) 1:15, 3:45, 6:35, 9:15
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) 12:55, 3:10, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
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THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
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THE DEPARTED (R) 12:30, 3:35, 6:50, 10:00

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
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THE FOUNTAIN (PG13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

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THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
FAST FOOD NATION (R) 1:50, 7:30
BABEL (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
COPYING BEETHOVEN (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:40, 9:50
FUR: AN IMAGINARY PORTRAIT OF DIANE ARBUS (R) 4:30, 10:00
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:20, 3:50, 7:00, 9:10
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:20

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FAST FOOD NATION (R) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45, 10:00
COPYING BEETHOVEN (PG13) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
FUR: AN IMAGINARY PORTRAIT OF DIANE ARBUS (R) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) 4:40, 7:20
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
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DEJA VU (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 1:20, 3:00, 4:25, 5:55, 7:25, 8:55, 10:30, 11:50
DEJA VU (PG13) [CC] ✓ 12:00, 3:00, 5:55, 8:55, 11:50
TENACIOUS D IN THE PICK OF DESTINY (R) ✓ 12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) ✓ 12:25, 2:00, 3:45, 5:15, 7:10, 8:50, 10:35, 11:55
HAPPY FEET (PG) ✓ 12:15, 1:30, 2:55, 4:10, 5:35, 7:00, 8:10, 9:40
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) ✓ 10:40 PM
STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13) 12:00, 2:50, 5:45, 8:25, 11:10
BORAT (R) 12:10, 1:10, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:25, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45, 11:40
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THE DEPARTED (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:35, 10:55

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FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (PG13) ✓ 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20, 11:35
BABEL (R) 12:55, 4:05, 7:15, 10:20

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DEJA VU (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 12:30, 3:15, 3:45, 6:30, 7:15
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 3:15, 6:30
HAPPY FEET (PG) ✓ 1:45, 4:30, 7:15
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THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15
SAW III (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30
THE DEPARTED (R) 12:20, 3:40, 7:00
GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:25

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DEJA VU (PG13) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
THE FOUNTAIN (PG13) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20
STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45
FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) 1:05, 3:50, 6:55, 9:40
THE PRESTIGE (PG13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
THE DEPARTED (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:40

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BABEL (R) 12:50, 3:45, 6:50, 9:55

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DECK THE HALLS (PG) [DVS] [CC] ✓ 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:55
LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
A GOOD YEAR (PG13) 4:30, 9:55
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THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10
FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) 1:00, 7:00

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6
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LET'S GO TO PRISON (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00
A GOOD YEAR (PG13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10
FLUSHED AWAY (PG) 2:05, 4:20, 7:25
THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 2:10, 4:45, 7:15
THE PRESTIGE (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
THE DEPARTED (R) 1:50, 4:55, 7:55

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

DEJA VU (PG13) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 10:00
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 3:10, 6:30, 9:30
HAPPY FEET (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35
BORAT (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 9:25

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BABEL (R) 3:00, 7:00, 9:45

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
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FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

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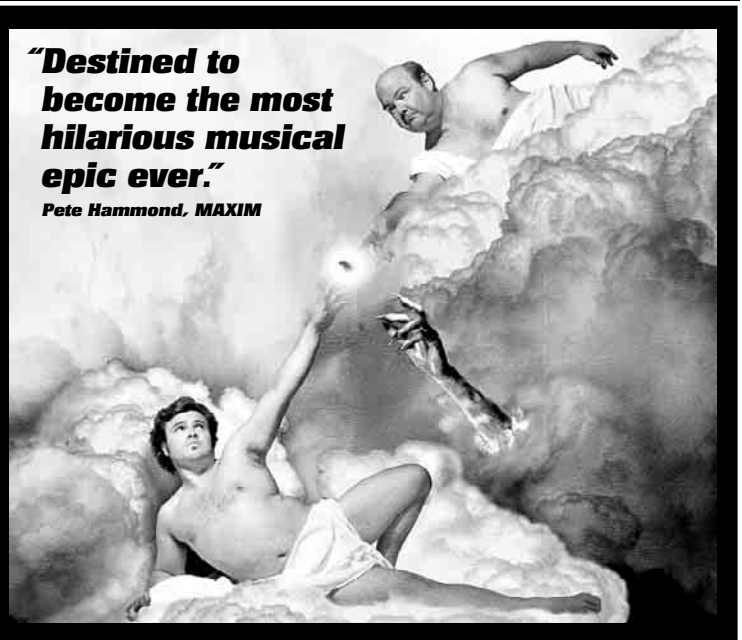

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Fraser Gallery: "Sky Light," by Maxwell MacKenzie, through Jan. 6. 7700 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 301-718-9651, thefrasergallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Beyond Brushwork: Symbolism in Chinese Painting," through Sun. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880, www.asia.si.edu.

Gallery A: "Three Painters From Korea," work by Jin Hi Lee, Kyung Ae Kim and Hojun Song, through Nov. 30. 2106 R St. NW; 202-667-2599, alexgalleries.com.

LAST CHANCE Gallery Neptune: "Three," pieces by Kim Bentley, Rion Hoffman and Kirk Waldroff, through Sat. 4808 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.

LAST CHANCE Gallery Plan B: Dual exhibitions of paintings by Andrew Criss and sculpture by Michael Enn Sirvet, through Nov. 26. 1530 14th St. NW; 202-234-2711, galleryplanb.com.

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Hillyer Art Space: "Across the Page: Selections From Pyramid Atlantic's Artists and Archive," through Jan. 1st. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org.

International Visions Gallery: "Title Withheld," Hallide Salam; "My Father's Garden," Debra Dilworth, through Dec. 10. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

LAST CHANCE Irvine Contemporary: "Over Under Sideways Down, Backward Forward Square and Round," works on and with paper by artists including Chuck Close, Chantal Ackermann and Ju-Yeon Kim; "She Had to Go," solo exhibition by Lori Esposito, both through Sat. 1412 P St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

Jane Haslem Gallery: "A Harvest of New Works on Paper," an assortment of recent works by gallery artists, through Dec. 15. 2025 Hillyer Place NW; 202-232-4644, janehaslemgallery.co.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Jerusalem: Between Visions and Realities," an exploration of the city's complex historical, religious and emotional significance, through Dec. 22. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: "A. Aubrey Bodine," a retrospective exhibition celebrating his 100th anniversary; "F.I. Wall: New Work, Deconstruction and Reconstruction," through Dec. 22. 1609 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-328-0955, kathleenewinggallery.com.

Katzen Arts Center: "Marc Cameron Boyd: Logocentric Playground," through Dec. 15. "High Times, Hard Times: New York Painting 1967-1975;" "Gifts from the Katherine Dreier Estate;" "William F. Calfee and the Washington Modernists;" "Carlos Saura: Flamenco;" "Twenty-first century Ibero-American Art;" "Guy Dill: A Decade;" "Talia Green: Entropy Filigree," all through Jan. 21. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-2787, american.edu/museum.

National Academy of Sciences: "Nikon's Small World Winning Images," through Dec. 20. "Hidden Codes," paintings of genetic code by Dennis Ashbaugh, through May 10. 2100 C St. NW; 202-334-2436, nationalacademies.org.

National Air and Space Museum: "Earth From Space," rare views of surface events such as hurricanes, dust storms, forest fires and volcanic eruptions, through Jan. 7. "Treasures of American History," many of the National Museum of American History's choicest items find a temporary home, ongoing. 6th Street and Independence Ave., 202-633-1000, eathfromspace.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE National Building Museum: "Investigating Where We Live," the results of the museum's outreach project, through Sun. "The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design," through June 30. "Washington, Symbol and City," ongoing. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

National Geographic Society: "Echoes of 1608: John Smith's Voyages on the Chesapeake," includes a replica of Smith's 30-foot boat, through Jan. 7. "Bizarre Beasts, Past and Present," showcases weird and wonderful animals, through Feb. 2. "Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2006," winning and commended entries, through Feb. 4. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Library of Medicine: "Visible Proofs: Forensic Views of the Body,"

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NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART: In the show "Shock and Awe: Artists Look at War," many of the artists exhibited in the Warehouse's galleries explore peace, destruction, survival and the emotional resonances of war in works ranging from photographs to installations to paintings. The provocative exhibition is up at the Warehouse through Sunday.

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ongoing. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-496-6308, www.nlm.nih.gov.

LAST CHANCE National Museum of African Art: "African Gold," through Sun. "First Look: The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection," through Dec. 3. "Body of Evidence," contemporary African artists use the body, ongoing. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, nmafa.si.edu.

National Museum of Health and Medicine: "Scarred for Life," 35 ink prints showing surgical scar marks by Ted Meyer, through March. 6900 Georgia Ave. NW, AFIP, Building 54; 202-782-220, nmhm.washingtondc.museum.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "The Book as Art," 20 years of artists' books, through Feb 4. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

National Postal Museum: "Trailblazers & Trendsetters: The Art of the Stamp," through Oct. 3, 2007. 2 Massachussetts Ave. NE; 202-633-5500, postalmuseum.si.edu.

Nevin Kelly Gallery: Solo exhibition of new mixed-media works by noted American artist Eugene Healy, through Dec. 3. 1517 U St. NW; 202-232-3464. nevinkellygallery.com.

Numark Gallery: "The Last Show," artists who have worked closely with the gallery take part in its final exhibit, through Dec. 16. 625-27 E St. NW; 202-628-3810, numarkgallery.com.

Orchard Gallery: "A Closer Look," Sophia McCrocklin's color-infused fabric collages, through Nov. 30. 7917 Norfolk Ave., Bethesda; 240-497-1219.

Pass Gallery: "Pass Group Show," paintings and digital prints, through Dec. 16. 1617 S St. NW; community.webtv.net/PASSGALLERY/PASSGROUPSHOW2006.

Prisons Gallery of Art: Paintings by Tammy Williams, who was recently released from prison after 10 years, 1600 K St. NW, Suite 501; 202-393-1511, prisonsfoundation.org.

Project 4: Kate Hardy's watercolrs, Noelle Tan's overexposed silver and gelatin prints, through Dec. 23. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340.

Randall Scott Gallery: "No Fancy Titles," group exhibition, through Dec. 30. 1326 14th St. NW; 202-332-0806.

Strathmore: "73rd Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Minature," through Jan. 6. 5301 Tuckerman Lane, N. Bethesda; 301-581-5200, strathmore.org.

LAST CHANCE Target Gallery: "Josephine Durkin: Tear, Cut, Fold & Lean," through Sun. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, torpedofactory.org.

Textile Museum: "Pieces of a Puzzle: Classical Persian Carpet Fragments," through Jan 7. "Mantles of Merit: Chin Textiles From Mandalay to Chittagong," through Feb. 25. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

Touchstone Gallery: "Mama Love," photographer Camille Mosley-Pasley explores the powerful connection between mothers and children, through Dec. 3. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787, touchstonegallery.com.

Transformer Gallery: "Gentle Reader," by Molly Springfield, through Dec. 2. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102, transformergallery.org.

Union Gallery: "Selections: Works by University of Maryland Students," through Dec. 14. UMd., College Park, 301-314-8492, union.umd.edu/gallery.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Lines on Paper: How a Fantasy Becomes a Garden," through Jan. 15. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, usbg.gov.

LAST CHANCE Warehouse: "Shock and Awe: Artists Look at War," through Sun. 1021 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933, warehousetheater.com.

LAST CHANCE Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Sequences and Tree Shadows," monoprints by Martha Oatway, through Sun. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

WVSA ARTiculate Gallery: "Every Dog Has Its Day: Celebrating Our Canine Companions," doggy portraits, through Dec. 14. 1100 16th St. NW; 202-261-1233, wvsarts.org/gallery.

Zenith Gallery: "Food, Glorious Food — Just Desserts," a melding of food, art and charity; "Inanimate Adventures," Robert C. Jackson explores life's drama, both through Dec. 3. "Survivors Among Survivors," paintings by Renee du Rocher, through Jan. 4. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, zenithgallery.com.

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HERBERT MIGDOLL

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER : The Joffrey Ballet's exuberant staging of the Christmas chestnut "The Nutcracker" flounces into the Kennedy Center in a shower of stage snow and sugarplum glitter. The always-magical story is retold with elan and an eye for the wondrous touches that make the dance experience unforgettable, especially for children.

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The Beaux' Stratagem: Two recently impoverished gentlemen scheme to woo two women of status and fortune, through Dec. 31, $19-$76. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, ShakespeareTheatre.org.

6 p.m., free. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW: 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

Cinderella: Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical version of the fairy tale, through Dec. 31, $34-$44, kids half-price. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Cirque du Soleil, 'Corteo': A joyous afterlife procession as imagined by a clown, through Sun., $40. Grand Chapiteau at City Center, 909 H St. NW; cirquedusoleil.com.

Dorothy Meets Alice: Two of literature's most remarkable characters go head-to-head in a tale set neither in Kansas nor down a rabbit hole, through Dec. 3, $8. Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo; 301-320-5331.

Equus: The Washington Shakespeare Company presents the story of a psychiatrist's exploration of the disturbed mind of a violent teenager, through Dec. 3, $20-$35. Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; 800-494-8479, washingtonshakespeare.org.

An Inspector Calls: A gripping and enigmatic mystery by the renowned playwright J.B. Priestley, through Dec. 3, $35-$40. The Washington Stage Guild, 1901 14th St. NW; 240-582-0050, stageguild.org.

Juanita the Walrus Goes on a Shopping Spree: The baby-sitting area of a shopping mall serves as the setting in this musical for children of all ages, through Dec. 17, $10. Venus Theatre, 9148 Canterbury Riding, Laurel; 301-470-2460, venustheatre.org.

Junie B. Jones & A Little Monkey Business: In this musical comedy, precocious kindergartner Junie B. feels the pangs of sibling rivalry while her mom is still pregnant, through Jan. 14, $10-$20. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; ImaginationStage.org.

Legends!: Joan Collins and Linda Evans play fading and desperate movie stars who are forced to deal with their rivalry when they perform in the same Broadway show, through Dec. 3, $38.25-$68.75. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, nationaltheatre.org.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe: C.S. Lewis' classic tale of four children who travel to the mystical land of Narnia through a magic wardrobe, Sat., $6-$7. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville, 301-279-5301.

The Little Prince: Rick Cummins and John Scoullar adapted the beloved children's book for an exuberant stage play, through Dec. 10, $25-$55, $20 for kids and teens. Round House Theatre Silver Spring, 8641 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 240-644-1100, roundhousetheatre.org.

The Long Christmas Ride Home: Paula Vogel's play about fragile family bonds is told through puppetry, music and storytelling, through Dec. 31, $39-$55. Metheny Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

Martha, Josie and the Chinese Elvis: An aging dominatrix receives a surprising birthday visitor, through Dec. 17, $20-$48. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: The Folger Theatre moves Shakespeare's delirious romantic roundelay to the glamorous 1930s, through Dec. 3, $25-$36. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-675-0342, folger.edu.

LAST CHANCE My Fair Lady: 'Enry 'Iggins and Eliza Dolittle engage in a battle of words and wits in this musical classic, the last show at Signature's current site, through Sun., $37. Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-820-9771, sig-online.org.

LAST CHANCE The Nutcracker: Under the direction of Gerald Arpino, the Joffrey Ballet performs the Yuletide classic, through Sun., $47-$125. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

FRIDAY ONLY Plunket and Tremolo: Clowning Dell'Arte: Mark Jaster and Sabrina Mandell entertain in the grand tradition of the Renaissance commedia dell'arte and Charlie Chaplin, Fri., $9-$10. Discovery Theater, Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW; 202-357-1500, discoverytheater.org.

She Loves Me: Budapest in the 1930s is the setting for this romantic musical comedy about secret pen pals and first impressions; Ernst Lubitsch fans will recognize the story that became his 1940 film "The Shop Around the Corner," opens Fri., through Dec. 31, $55-$74. Arena offers a Family Fun Pack for $10; two patrons must be between the ages of 5 and 18. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300, arenastage.org.

Still Going Solo: Horizons Theatre presents a showcase of four compelling one-woman shows, through Dec. 3, $15-$20. Warehouse Theater, 1021 7th St. NW; 703-391-2929, horizonstheatre.org.

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